



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a busy half-term!

Overleaf you'll find a theme overview for the first half of the Summer Term. Our main theme is 'Beards and Brains' and we will be learning about the talents of both Charles Darwin and Mr Twit! Please note the homework project towards the bottom of the page. Our SEAL theme this half term is 'Relationships'.

Our PPA activities will be on Wednesdays with Mrs Edgerton teaching music, Mrs Cox leading art, Mrs Hiscox & Miss Dawkins leading cookery, Mrs Bradbury leading ICT and Mrs Johnson & Mrs Stagg taking a group 'Out and About' each week. Please check the newsletter to see when your child will need their 'Out and About' clothes.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school from Monday to Friday for our weekly lessons and to enable us to take advantage of any good weather to develop our sports skills outside on other days. As the weather is improving please ensure that your child has a sun hat and water bottle every day. If sun is forecast, we also advise that you apply sun cream to your child in the morning.

As always, we value the support you give to the children's learning at home. The children have been working very hard to learn their times tables facts. In year 2 we concentrate on knowing the 2x, 5x, 10x and then the 3x tables by the end of the year. We also ask that the children practise their spellings and read at home daily. We find that regular practise has a big impact on children's progress.

During this half term, pupils will take the statutory Year 2 SATs tests. There are 2 reading SATS papers and 2 maths papers. They will not be taking the year 2 SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) test. These tests are administered as part of our normal teaching day and will inform each pupil's end of year assessment, alongside the continuous work and assessments already taking place daily within the classroom.

To prepare your children to achieve their best, please ensure they have a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast each day.

If you have any queries, please come and talk to a member of the team.

We look forward to a full and sunny half-term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Arnell, Mrs Billington, Mrs Gibbins and the year 2 team.

**Working together for a successful future**