

Welcome back Year 2!

I hope you've had a fantastic Easter break. We are all looking forward to a busy half-term with lots of outdoor learning in the lovely sunshine and a delicious teddy bear picnic (more information coming soon).

I hope you find the information below helpful. Please feel free to contact the Year 2 team before or after school if you have any concerns or questions.

Miss Clayton 😊

English

This half-term, we are reading *The Wind in the Willows*. This will prompt our reading and writing for the first three weeks of this half-term, working towards writing our own animal adventure story. We will then revisit how to write a letter and learn poetry off by heart.

Maths

We will begin this half term looking at place value and how to apply this to solving real-world problems, such as statistics. Year 2 will also revisit addition and subtraction. Following that, we will be learning about measure, direction, time and shape.

Science

We will be revisiting what plants and animals need to survive and grow.

**Guided Reading/Spelling/Phonics**

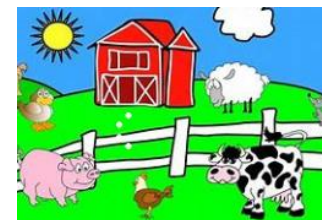
The children will have Guided Reading for 30 minutes every day. They will work within an adult-led/supported group for two of the sessions. We will spend time reading a range of different books and texts, exploring vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking. The children will also have a 30-minute session every morning focusing on spellings and phonics.

Geography

We will be learning what sustainability means, about different types of farms and the role of farmers.

**Computing**

We will be learning how to add voice labels to images on editing apps to create an interactive farm.

**DT**

We will be creating our own picnic, using food tech skills learnt this half-term and our knowledge of the Eatwell plate.

**PE**

PE will take place on a Monday morning where Mr Ridge will be focusing on athletics and net/wall games.

**French**

We will learn how to talk about the weather and seasons in French.



RE

This half-term's focus is Judaism. We will be asking:

How do we respond to the things that really matter? What aspects of life really matter?

PSHE

Year 2 will be starting their new topic all about how we engage with the world around us and how we can set goals for ourselves. The children will also have role play opportunities to equip them with the tools they need to solve issues they may face in and out of school.

Music

Our music will be delivered by Mr Baines on a Tuesday afternoon and we will be focusing on music technology and sound effects.

Reminders

- **Toys** – Please can toys, playing cards, makeup and similar items stay at home. Many of these items are becoming lost, broken, are taken home by another child or are distracting children's learning.
- **Show and Tell** – At the end of most days, we usually have some time for children to do show and tell. This time is to celebrate any achievements from home, photographs/videos from experiences (e.g. a new pet, holidays, a day trip etc.) or something that children have worked really hard on, such as a painting/drawing or a cardboard creation. If children have certificates, medals or other achievements that they would like to celebrate in star assembly, please bring these in on a Friday.
- **Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles (and for some children, socks!). Please can you write your child's name on the handle of their book bag, so it makes it easier to find their bag.
- **PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Monday mornings and the children should come to school in their PE kit.
- **Class Novel** – We will start reading *The Wind in the Willows* this half-term. Every day the children will have the next part of the stories read to them and discuss interesting vocabulary from the chapter. Please encourage your child to tell you what has happened in the story that day. It will be a great way to recall what has been read to them.

Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. Please use the Reading Records for you to jot down what your child has read at home and any comments you would like to pass on. Your child will be heard by a member of staff in Year 2 at least twice a week. Please bring your reading packs into school each day.



Homework

A homework menu will be sent home every half term with instructions for the tasks and how to hand homework in. All logins are stuck into the children's reading records.

