

## Year 2 Curriculum Letter Spring Term 2018

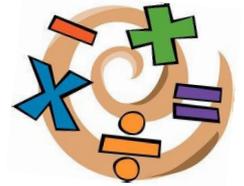
Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for another fun term of learning.



In **English** we will be planning and writing a range of different stories and performing poetry. We will also continue to develop our spelling, grammar and punctuation by focusing on expanding our sentences using different conjunctions and using capital letters, commas in lists, apostrophes and question marks.

In **maths** the topic areas we will cover include place value, problem solving and shape. The children will continue to learn a range of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies and use them in simple word problems. We will also continue to build on their knowledge of shape, recognising and naming 3D structures.



### **PE**

This term in PE the children will focus on dance and will need indoor kit (blue shorts, white t-shirt and pumps) in school. Hopefully we will be visited by a professional dance instructor who will support us in designing and performing a special dance linked to this term's topic area. Parents will be invited in to watch this extravaganza nearer the time. Part of this fantastic opportunity has been funded by your school fund donations – thank you!

### **Reading books**

We will continue to collect in reading books on a **Wednesday**. Please remember to make a note in your child's reading record each time they read aloud so that they can win stickers and prizes for super reading! This can be any book at all, not just the ones sent home from school. Reading is so important and not only helps improve their reading fluency and understanding it also improves the quality of writing too.

### **Reading Challenge**

Please continue to support your child in their Y2 Reading Bingo Challenge. We have already given out a number of bronze, silver and gold awards and look forward to seeing those boards complete! Don't miss out on your child's chance to win a tablet at the end of the year!

### **Homework**

Maths, English and spelling homework will still be sent home on a **Friday** to be returned no later than the following **Wednesday**. This is a really important part of your child's learning and often extends or consolidates what has been taught in class. Therefore we would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in on the appropriate date.

### **Our Topic**

During the Spring term, Year 2's new topic will be, '**Home Sweet Home**' which will mainly focus on geography skills, although other skills from other subjects will also be explored.

In **art** we will be focusing on the use of paint and mixing colours. We will explore how secondary colours are made from the primary colours and how to create tints and tones. We will also be using different starting points for our artwork such as a story or music.

In **Science** we will be learning about the lifecycles of animals, including humans, as well as how to keep healthy through healthy eating and exercise. This will link to our **D.T.** where we will be planning and cooking a healthy meal.

In **geography** we will be comparing physical and human features of a location in India with a small area of the UK.

In **computing** we will be collecting data and learning how to input this data on to a computer as well as creating charts and graphs. We will also be learning how to create and use flow charts on a computer.

In **RE** we will be finding out about elements of and significant celebration of the Sikh and Christian faiths including Easter.

**British Values** are taught throughout the school curriculum and this term year 2 will focus on the values of democracy and the rule of law, linking these to our London topic.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please come and see us at any time if you have any queries.

Year 2 Staff