



Dear Parents

Welcome back!

Dear Parents,
Welcome to the first Spring term! It is going to be a fast-moving, jam-packed few weeks with lots going on inside and outside of the classroom.

Reading at home

Please prompt your child on the way into class if they need to change their reading book. The vast majority should now be doing this independently. Children should not only be reading as fluently as they can, but would also benefit greatly from answering questions about the texts they are reading.

At parents' evening a few parents asked for suggestions on reading materials. These websites include recommendations for Year 2 pupils:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-2-pupils-ks1-age-6-7/>
<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/year-2>

MATHS

In Maths with Miss Evans year 2 will be focusing on money, identifying, and calculating an amount. We will then move our learning on to word problems and change. With Miss Maloney, the children in year 2 will be covering shape and revisiting challenging objectives from the Autumn term!

Year 2 will still have a weekly test on a Friday which will cover their quick mental maths knowledge. These tests cover doubles, halving, number bonds and times tables! When the children have mastered a concept they will move on.

Please can you ensure you are accessing numbots and times table

rockstars regularly with your child! When your child had left year 2, they are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table. **Please revisit topics regularly.**

In the front of their yellow quick mental maths books Miss Evans has placed a checklist with the topics they are secure on, the aim is to master these basic skills.

PE

PE this term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday!

Please ensure everything has a name in. This term sees us learning Football and fundamental skills.

How you can help at home

Recapping quick mental maths, number bonds, times tables, doubles, halving.

Reading when possible and creating a love of reading.

Topic

In topic this term, our topic question is 'What makes Great Britain great?' We will be exploring maps and identifying the United Kingdom. This links with our story in English 'Katy in London'. We will be looking at landmarks and rewriting the story, thinking about why Britain is amazing!

In Art, we will be drawing and paying close attention to detail in drawings. We will also be looking at different patterns. In DT we will be making a healthy meal.

In Science we will be looking at animals and their habitats. We even have some baby chicks arriving in March!

Dates for your diary –

- 27th January – Class 2 assembly

If you have any concerns or would like to support in school, please feel free to speak to us. Please keep us informed of anything happening in your child's life which may have an impact on their well-being or academic success.

Here's to a busy, exciting year! We very much look forward to working with you and your children during the coming year.

Kind regards

Miss Evans and Miss Maloney.

