



## Dear Parents

### Welcome back!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second 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 multiplication and division. We will then move our learning on to word problems.

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 has 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. Some children have now moved onto further timetables, this is not included on the checklist.

## PE

### **PE this term will be on a Monday and Thursday!**

Please ensure everything has a name in. This term sees us learning Gymnastics and games.

## **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.

In Art, we will be focusing on Indian Art and geographical features.

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

## **English**

In English we will be focusing on the story 'The Day the Crayon Quits'. We will be writing a persuasive letter with different features with the aim to get the crayons to come back. We will then be moving onto performance poetry, focusing on 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat'.

## **Dates for your diary –**

13<sup>th</sup> March – Baby chicks arriving!

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.**