

## Welcome to Year 2!

### General information.

Water bottles are welcomed in the classroom but they must have a sports cap to prevent any spillages and they must contain only water.

PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Children should have an indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times. Please check that your child's PE kit fits and that pumps and shorts aren't too big!

Mrs Devlin will be supporting the class on a Thursday morning.

Miss Holding will be teaching the children Music and PSHE each week.

If you would like to volunteer to help in our class please speak to myself or the office. This could be every week or every so often as and when you're available.

### SATs

Year 2 will have to complete SATs later in the year but this should not cause you or your child any worries or concerns now or throughout the year. A meeting will be arranged later in the year to explain the SATs tests in more detail. At the moment you just need to be aware that a level of achievement will be reported to the Local Authority at the end of Year 2 about your child. This will be given by myself and will consider the quality of work produced throughout the year and not just based on the performance of your child in a test.

### Reading

Children are encouraged to read each night to an adult. This could be their school reading book or another book from home. Please can you ensure that if your child has read to you sign their reading record. Reading Records and books should be handed in each day (in the box next to the classroom door) so that I can check for any completed books and listen to readers. Children who have at least three signatures in their reading record on a Thursday will receive an extra homework house point.

### Homework

Homework is handed out each Friday along with spellings. Homework will always follow on from learning during the week so children should be able to complete it with relative independence but may need the odd bit of support. However if they need more than a little support please come and speak to me. Homework should be handed in on a Thursday and given a house point. This allows time for it to then be marked and returned on Friday with feedback. Spellings will be given on a class spelling pattern which we will visit throughout the week in class but children should complete the look, say, cover, write, check sheet to help learn them at home. A maths Beat That will be sent home each week also. This is for children to practice if they wish. This will not be marked or counted towards homework however they do look different to and have more questions than those given in year 1 and some children enjoy having a go at these to help increase their recall for the actual Beat That we complete in class.

## Learning this term - A Fair World!

Our main focus of learning this term is about fairness. This will be taught in a variety of ways explicitly and implicitly. We will be looking at the concepts of Fairtrade, gender equality and the way our world is treated and respected.



English this term will look at Fairis the Fairtrade Frog, diaries, letters, poetry and explanations. We will be looking at using words with the suffixes -ly and -ful in our writing as well as those that have contraction apostrophes, such as hasn't, don't and shouldn't.

Maths will focus on place value, addition and subtraction and money as well as beginning to introduce the concepts of multiplication and division. We will be completing a weekly Beat That which will develop children's speed of recall of addition and multiplication facts. During lessons we will also be looking at developing our mathematical thinking and reasoning to dig deeper into concepts.

Our Science topic is materials and we will be completing many investigations to compare, group and classify materials. Music will be taught using the songs What a Wonderful World and Respect to reinforce our topic of our world being important to us as well as the conditions that people are in. We will be looking at the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy and then creating our own artwork using the natural environment. Sewing is on the agenda during DT and we will be making puppet friends for Fairis. During Computing we will be looking at programming and delivering the message of fairness through animations. PE will be a combination of multiskills, gymnastics and dance. In RE we will be looking at Harvest, the stories of Jesus and Christmas messages.

As you can see a very busy term not to mention the Harvest festival and Christmas performance.



If you would like any further information about our topic or activities or you are able to offer support in one of the areas then please come and have a chat with me when you are available.

I am looking forward to having a fun and exciting year with your child and their class.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Abi Johnson.