

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 2! Thank you very much for my lovely presents and I hope you have had a great Christmas holiday.

In Literacy this term we are starting with a focus on non-fiction texts linked to the topic of hedgehogs. We will be looking at the features of non-fiction texts, such as; subheadings, diagrams and captions and then we will produce our own information leaflet all about hedgehogs.

We will also be continuing to practise our cursive handwriting letter formation and this is something extremely useful to continue practising at home. During our spelling lessons, we will continue to introduce new spelling patterns (currently adding suffixes) for Year 2 whilst consolidating the spelling of common exception words and revising the phonics covered in Year 1.

It might be useful to help your child practise their weekly spellings in the following ways:

- Practise little and often, preferably 5 times a week using the look, say, cover, write and check method.
- Look at tricky words and identify the hard part of the word.
- When your child is confident at spelling the words, get them to write a sentence including each of the spellings, to check for application.
- Try to revise spellings given in previous weeks to check that they have retained them.

In Numeracy we will develop our addition and subtraction skills including written methods. We will also be solving missing number problems and learning to read scales. We will be continuing with our times tables practise, recapping on the 2,5 and 10 times tables and learning the 3, 4 and 6 times tables.



Our Context for Learning will be 'Weather Investigators' answering the question: How does the weather affect the way people live? (The children will be investigating where in the world this will be during CFL lessons!). The focus will be on different types of weather as well as a contrasting locality in another part of the world.



As scientists we will be learning about animals, including humans, and how they grow and survive. Also, the importance of exercise, hygiene and eating the right amounts of different types of food.



In ICT we will be using software that allows us to program and give directions to a computer character as well as supporting our CFL topic with internet research. We will look at the theme 'Nobody's Fault' in Religious Education and will be raising money for a charity linked to our CFL as part of this. We will be inviting you into school to attend our event later in the term.



Excitingly, Mrs Wallace has arranged for the children to receive cricket lessons from a cricket coach on Tuesday afternoons this half term. These lessons will take place outside so the children will need tracksuit bottoms and a jumper or hoodie in school.

This half term, Monday afternoons will now be covered by Miss Cotterill and Thursday afternoons will be covered by Mrs Wallace.

Thank you for your continued support.

Charlotte Parker