

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

As we begin the Summer Term, we can hardly believe that it is already the children's final term in Year 2! The year has flown by, and we are so proud of how much the children have grown in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning. We have an exciting term ahead filled with opportunities for the children to explore their learning both inside and outside the classroom.

In English, we will be focusing on persuasive writing linked to the story *The Last Wolf*. We will also be sharing the wonderful text *Grandad's Secret Giant*, where the children will learn to retell the story while exploring important themes such as morals, kindness and acceptance of others. In Maths, we will revisit our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and explore different division structures. We will then move on to learning about money, fractions and time, with links to doubling and halving. In History, we will be learning about the inspiring lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, while in Design and Technology the children will be creating their own moving pictures. Our science learning will focus on habitats, and the children will have the exciting opportunity to explore this topic outdoors during sessions at our Forest School site.

We have lots of exciting learning planned this term, and we are looking forward to finishing Year 2 with curiosity, creativity and plenty of memorable experiences.

### Reading and Spellings

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book and reading diary every evening. Please spend around 10 minutes listening to your child read and add a brief comment in the diary. Encouraging fluency and comprehension by asking questions about the text is very helpful. Please ensure reading books and diaries are kept inside the plastic book bag and are brought into school every day.

Spellings will continue to be sent home:

- Spelling books go home on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday

### Listening Lola

Listening Lola will continue to visit a child each weekend with her diary. Children can share drawings and simple writing about their weekend — there is no need for special activities or printed photos.

### P.E.

Please ensure your child's named P.E. kit is in school all week. All sweatshirts should also be named. If your child has pierced ears, earrings must be removed or taped before lessons. Only stud earrings may be worn. Children also need to ensure they have their hair tied up for PE please.

### Forest School

Children will begin their Forest School sessions every Tuesday afternoon this term. One week the children will visit the woods, and the following week sessions will take place on the school grounds.

Please ensure your child brings old clothes, waterproofs and wellies every week, as we will be outdoors whatever the weather.

As the weather becomes warmer, children will still need to wear long sleeves and long trousers to protect them while exploring outside, but they may not always need their waterproof layers. Please remember that it is often much colder in the woods than it is at school, so appropriate clothing is important.

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