

Dear Parents and carers,

I cannot believe that we are already at the start of the summer term; time has whizzed by at a startling rate! I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The summer term is a notoriously busy, yet fun term, filled with outdoor activities and sports events, as well as the end of Key Stage 1 and preparation for moving to Year 3 in September. This year, the Key Stage 1 SATs tests, which were held in previous years, are not statutory for Year 2 children. However instead we will be conducting our own assessments ready for Year 3. I am so proud of all the children in Year 2; they have made tremendous progress so far since September and I look forward to seeing how far they will come in this term.

Our theme for our learning this term is '**On the Farm**' as detailed on the curriculum poster overleaf. We will be learning about the journey of food from farm to fork as well as contrasting farming in the U.K to St Lucia. In our science work we will be learning about plants. Throughout the term we will be considering our Big question: **Where does food come from and how do we make sure that we have enough for everyone?** We also have organised a trip for Y1 and Y2 to a working farm near Callington on **Wednesday 7th May**. More details will follow shortly.

This term marks a slight change in staffing in Year 2. From May, Mrs Oliver will no longer be covering Year 2 on Tuesdays. Instead Mrs Line will cover the class on alternate Tuesdays and Mrs Dean will cover every Thursday from 11am. Both teachers currently teach in Year 4 and bring their own expertise and skills which I am sure will benefit the children enormously. Mrs Line leads science in the school and is keen to get started on our plants unit in science and Mrs Dean leads RE so is excited to take over Year 2 RE learning.

Here are a few reminders about our everyday routines in Year 2:

- **The classroom is open from 08.35 a.m.** Children have daily work as soon as they arrive, followed by our phonics lesson. Please try and arrive promptly each day to make the most of this learning opportunity.
- **PE days** are Monday and Friday.
- The children select new reading books every Thursday, but **books should be brought in every day** as we will try to hear children read whenever we have a spare few minutes. When you hear your child read, please ask questions and talk about the text with them, then sign their record book.
- **Library:** we visit the school library every Friday. Children can select a new book to share at home when they return their old book.
- **Homework** spellings and number facts/times tables are tested every Wednesday and set on Fridays..

Please don't hesitate to come and chat to any member of the Year 2 team if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Field, Miss Haywood and Mrs Maker.