

Dear Parents,

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 and got to enjoy some sunshine. 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 National tests in preparation for moving to Year 3 in September. I am so proud of all the children in Year 2; of their enthusiasm and hardworking attitudes and how well they embody our school values. I look forward to seeing their continued progress this term.

Our theme for our learning this term is '**All Things Bright and Beautiful**' as detailed on the curriculum poster overleaf. We endeavor to make the curriculum as exciting as possible; planning active lessons that will stimulate the children's curiosity and engage them in their own learning. We aim to get out and about, exploring habitats in our local area as well as learning about world habitats.

This is an important term for children in Year 2 as they will complete the National end of Key Stage 1 tests. These will take place at various times in May (there is no set week) and will be used to inform our teacher assessments. Whilst we value the tests as an assessment tool and want the children to do their best, we will ensure the children feel happy and relaxed and will embrace the tests in a positive manner. The best way to support your child is to encourage them to read as much as possible at home, practise their weekly spellings and mental maths skills and have lots of sleep, so they come to school refreshed and ready to learn.

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

- **The classroom is open from 08.45 a.m. and children are registered at 9.00 a.m.** Children have daily handwriting or maths practice 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 Thursday.**
- 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** is set on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday. I try to give homework that reflects and supports what we are learning in class with a balance of creative and more formal tasks. Whilst it can be tricky to establish a homework routine, many parents find that completing homework in regular bite size chunks makes it a more positive experience.

Please don't hesitate to come and chat to Miss Jones or myself if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,

Mrs Boyle