

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break- it's been lovely to welcome the children back to school. I cannot believe that we are already at the start of the summer term! This is a notoriously busy, yet fun term, filled with outdoor activities and sports events, as well as the end of Key Stage 1 assessments and 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 attached. 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.

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 (with the exception of the 1st 3 weeks back when it will be dance with Mrs Dean on a Thursday instead of PE on a Monday). As the weather hopefully improves, we aim to get outside as much as possible for our P.E lessons, so please ensure that your child has **trainers or plimsolls as part of their PE kit**.
- 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 times tables will continue to be sent home by Friday and tested the following Wednesday.

Trips and visits:

We will celebrate **Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday on Friday 8th May**: Year 2 children are invited to come dressed as an animal or a naturalist and we will spend the day on nature themed learning activities.

We also have a trip booked to the **aquarium on Friday 3rd July**. More details will follow nearer the time. We will also visit the Central Library and aim to get out and about in our local area.

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

We are always on the look out for a reading volunteer to help listen to children read: regular reading aloud develops fluency- the more that children practise, the sooner they will become fluent readers and the world of text is unlocked for them. If you are able to help support children on this journey and have 1-2 hours spare a week then please have a chat with one of the team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Field, Miss Haywood and Mrs Freeman