

### Year 2 Autumn Term (2) 2024

Wow! What a fantastic start all of the children have made to Year 2! Thank you for all of your help and support with helping the children to settle in so beautifully.

During the final part of the Autumn Term, Geography will be our main focus. We will be looking at naming and finding the seven continents and five oceans and thinking about how we can keep our seas clean. We will also be starting our Christmas play and celebrations!

**Geography** - We will be naming and exploring the continents and oceans, asking geographical questions, identifying human and physical features and looking at how we can protect our oceans.

**Literacy** - We will then be reading and responding to the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. This book is based in Africa and will give the children the opportunity to write their own stories. Finally, we will look at the text 'Man on the Moon'.

**PE** - Indoor - gymnastics. Outdoor - sending and receiving skills

**Maths** - This half term we will be looking mostly at addition and subtraction. We will be adding and subtracting two 2digit numbers as well as consolidating our mental methods in our weekly mental maths sessions. Towards the end of this half term, we will begin to look at shape.

**D&T** - In D&T we will be learning about wheels and axles. We will focus on designing and making a moving car for a book character using design criteria. We will also look at applying various measuring, cutting and joining techniques.

**Computing** - This half term we will be using 'digimaps' to link to our geography work and covering the importance of 'passwords' in our Online Safety lesson.

**RE** - Our unit of work this half term is 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?'. We will be building on our prior knowledge of Christianity, from Autumn Term 1.

**RSHE** - Friendships is our focus for this half term.

**Homework** tasks will be sent out at the beginning of term by email for you to choose, as many as you want to complete with your child. Once any homework has been completed, please bring this into school so we can display and celebrate it, before our Homework Showcase. There is an expectation that each child will have a go at least one of the homework tasks over the half term. You can also email us with any photos or Homework updates!

**Reading** - It is our expectation that children read at home with a grown up at least three times a week. Children who read at least three times a week make better progress. Our focus is on fluency, so it is good practice to read the same book more than once. Please record this in yellow diaries; remember even if you are reading a longer book just sign to say you have read a few pages and you can climb the reading wall of fame.

We are really looking forward to lots of great learning this term!

**Mrs Woodward, Mrs Stocks, Miss Callaghan and Mrs Kleeli**

#### Wizards PE days - Monday and Thursday Planets PE days - Wednesday and Thursday

On PE days please send your child in appropriate clothing and footwear, suitable for taking part in sport. Make sure they have removed their earrings and long hair is tied up.

#### Dates for your diary

Homework Showcase - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December, 2.45pm.  
Parents and carers welcome!