

## YEAR 2

Welcome to the Summer Term! We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the children. The children have returned back after the Easter holidays ready to learn and have made an excellent start to the term. This term includes our School Trip in June and more opportunities for outdoor learning as the weather brightens up! Mrs Hennell will be teaching Year 2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Miss Rookes will be teaching the class on Thursday and Fridays. Miss Dickinson will be the teaching assistant every day in Year 2. Mrs Dipple and Miss Yeo will support the class some afternoons.

### Literacy

We will be looking at a range of texts including narratives, instructions, explanations, poetry. This will give the children a chance to write in a variety of contexts and apply the knowledge they have learnt. The children will be using punctuation, conjunctions, adjectives, verbs and more. Handwriting will be a focus and the class will be working on using their best presentation in all pieces of work. Daily phonics/spelling lessons will continue to develop accuracy with spellings.

### Reading

Please continue to read with your child every day and support them with asking to do Accelerated Reader quizzes in school (if applicable). Guided reading sessions allow the children to read in a group with a teacher and discuss views, share opinions and answer questions on an age-appropriate book.

### Maths

This term we will continue to consolidate place value and number facts. As well as, securing understanding of multiplication, division and fractions ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) The children will be using various manipulatives to help them understand and solve. The children will have lots of experience of multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting practically to bring the learning to life. Mental strategies will be taught throughout the term. Please continue to support your child at home by using Mathletics and by encouraging them to learn their times tables. Passwords and logins can be found at the front of your child's planner.

### Computing

In Computing, our topic is 'Getting Creative' which means the children will be using ipads and chromebooks to explore creative tools, programmes and using Purplemash. We will think about how digital art can be created, photo editing and creating eBooks.

### Foundation Subjects

This half term, Year 2 will be learning about everyday materials in science and this will allow for lots of scientific investigations. History lessons will be focused on looking at toys from the past and how they have changed. The children always love this topic and it links to our school trip to the Stansted Mountfitchet Toy Museum. Design & Technology lessons will be linked to toys and children will be making their own wooden toy cars and testing which wheels are the most suitable.

### PE

PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. The sport for this half term will be Tennis and this supports children with developing ball control and using a racket safely.

### Homework

Creative homework menus will be sent out at the beginning of each half term. All activities need to be completed over the half term. We will then have a homework celebration where children can share their homework. Homework is linked to our topics and include maths, English and creative tasks.

As always, if you any children or want to discuss anything about your child, please come in after school to see Mrs Hennell or make an appointment with the office.