

# A guide to Year Two

**Home Reading** ~ Your child will continue to choose their own reading book to take home. They will be able to change them independently and as frequently as they choose. It is important that your child changes their book **at least** once a week to help improve their reading ability.

**Homework** ~ Each child must complete five tasks from the 'Homework Menu'. All tasks must be completed in your child's homework book. The children will also receive a list of **spellings** to practice for a test every **Friday**. The spelling book must be returned each Friday so that the children's results can be written in the book and any incorrect spellings can be highlighted.

**Time Tables** ~ The children will undertake a times table challenge every **Thursday**. This will begin on **Thursday 17th January**. All children will begin with their **two times tables** (unless you are informed otherwise). Please ensure your child practises their times tables at home.



**P.E.** will take place every **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit (white top and black shorts) in school with them at all times. All of your child's uniform and P.E. kit should be clearly labelled with their name in order to help them when they are changing.

**Water-bottles** ~ Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school with them each day. Please note this should contain water and not juice or flavoured water.

# Year 2 Spring Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy 2019! May I take this opportunity to thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that the Year 2 staff received, from the children and yourselves, before the Christmas break.

As usual, this newsletter aims to keep you up to date with the half term ahead. There will be some changes to the weekly routines so please check this newsletter carefully, especially the information about times tables and PE on the back page. Please continue to check Class Dojo too for updates.

The children have settled really well into Year 2 and I am sure they will continue to work hard and have an enjoyable half term. As always, please ask if you are unsure about anything.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Williams

# Spring 1—Fighting Fit!

## English

This half term the children will read a range of stories and poems. We will examine the author's use of vocabulary, describe settings and characters, write diary entries and persuasive letters.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will feature in the majority of English lessons and the children will complete a grammar check every fortnight. Cursive handwriting will be taught on a daily basis.

## Maths

This half term we will continue to consolidate the children's knowledge and understanding of numbers and the number system. We will also look at **addition and subtraction in the context of money, multiplication and division.**

Please encourage your child to log on to Mathletics to continue their mathematical learning at home.

## Science

Our topic this half term is **Growth and Survival.** We will explore the life cycles of various animals and investigate how young develop into adults, looking specifically at what humans need to live a healthy life.

## R.E

The topic this half term is **Good News.** The children will develop their understanding of the joy that Jesus brings and reflect on how we can bring joy to others.

## History

Our topic this half term is **Florence Nightingale.** We will travel back in time to find out about her famous voyage to Scutari, as well as the work she did in her later years.

## Art

This half term we will be focusing on our DT topic.

## Computing

This half term the children will be learning how to use the internet safely and with a purpose. The children will use a range of search engines, including Google, Bing and Yahoo.

## Music

We will be using our voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

## Geography

This half term we will be focusing on our History topic.

## DT

Our topic this half term is called **Perfect Pizzas.** The children will explore a variety of pizzas before they design and make their own pizza to meet a design brief.

## PE

Our topic this half term is **Multi Skills.** The children will develop their agility, balance and co-ordination by using a variety of skills.

## PSHE

Our topic this half term is **Medicines and Me.** The children will learn why medicines are taken, where medicines come from and how to keep safe around medicines.