

# February 2022

# Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break. Whether you have stayed home or been away, that you have all stayed safe and healthy and are ready for another exciting half term.

**Thank you!**

The Year 2 team thank you for your kind words, and messages during the final few weeks of last half term. It was tricky for everyone, but we are extremely grateful for the way that staff, pupils and parents rallied round to ensure our DT week went well. We hope you all enjoyed the wraps your children made and have been encouraging them to use their kitchen skills during the holiday.

**Our learning:**

Last half term, our topic on *Animals including Humans*, helped us learn in more depth about why it is important to keep our whole bodies healthy through exercise, sleep, and cleanliness. – We were very excited to see what has happened to our bread over the holiday! Our potion work from G*eorge’s Marvellous Medicine* was very impressive with pupils designing some exciting potions with a range of disgusting ingredients. We were very impressed with the children’s kitchen skills while making their healthy wraps and hope they were as delicious as they looked. In addition to future famous chefs, Year 2 boast a number of artists of the future, who impressed us with their sketching skills in the style of Paul Cezanne.

This half term, we will be continuing our work as scientists, through extending our knowledge of plants. We will also become Geographers, exploring the oceans and continents of the world – specifically Africa. Our artwork and music lessons will also be inspired by the creativity of the African people such as the Maasai and Martin Bulinya.

For more insight into what we will be covering in all our subjects this half term, please refer to the curriculum coverage letter.

Following is some additional information about Year 2 that – although some of it is repeated - you may find useful.

**Drop off and collection of pupils:**

School start time: 8:40 – 8:50

End of school Collection: 3:25

Please ensure your child is **in school by 8:50**, as registration starts promptly followed by Whole Class Guided Reading.

**Should you wish for your child to be picked up by another adult, we will need written permission.**

**Fruit:**

Just to remind you that daily free fruit is available at school for your child. However, if you wish to provide an alternative snack, we ask that it is a healthy option.

**PE:**

We will continue to teach PE twice during the week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please can you make sure your children come dressed for PE on both of these days. As it is still cool, they will need to wear dark jogging bottoms or leggings, a white t-shirt, a dark jumper/hoodie and trainers. The children will be outside on both of these days and need to be dressed appropriately.

Please note: We will not be doing PE on World Book Day, March 3rd)

**Reading:**

The children have been making great progress in their reading and we are impressed with how their comprehension skills and fluency are improving with our daily guided reading sessions and daily reading practise at home. When you have heard your child read, please sign their diary and ask your child lots of questions about their book to help their understanding.

Comprehension ideas can be found on the reading target attached to your child’s reading diary. The children are encouraged to change their books regularly throughout the week. It is great to see more children coming in and sharing their thoughts about the books as they change them in the morning, adding their total pages to our Million page challenge totaliser.

**Ed-shed and Numbots:**

Thank-you for encouraging your child to use the Ed-shed and Numbots apps. This remains an important task to continue as it keeps the basic skills fresh when we are not covering them on a daily basis in school.

(Sorry for the EdShed mistake this week, it has now been corrected)

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team