



February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break whether you have stayed at home or been away and are ready for another exciting half term.

We hope you all enjoyed the wraps your children made last half term 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 a balanced diet, exercise and cleanliness. Our potion work from *George'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 several 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 will 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.

Beaumanor Residential Trip:

Please remember that payments for the up-and-coming residential trip to Beaumanor Hall, can be made in instalments. We are currently organising the parent meeting and will be sending out details before the Easter holiday.

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: 3:30

Please ensure your child is **in school by 8:50**, as the door will close due to registration starting promptly followed by Whole Class Guided Reading. If you arrive after this time, please take your child to the office and they will sign them in and bring them to the classroom.

Fruit:

Daily fruit is available at school, free 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 Tuesdays 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 plain dark jumper/hoodie (no large logos please) and trainers**. The children will be outside on both days and need to be dressed appropriately.

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.

The expectation is that children will read at least 4 times a week with an adult at home. Staff check diaries on a Friday and children earn a sticker for our class reading reward.

Homework: Ed-shed and One minute maths

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

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team