

# Year 2 Spring Newsletter

2020 Happy New Year! 2020

## Our new topic is Land and Living

This term, our main focus is on keeping healthy. We will be finding out more about the different food groups and how to combine these to make healthy meals. Also, we will be learning about the importance of exercise, hygiene and medicine. Our school nurse will be coming in to talk to us about this topic too.

Linking into this, we will be exploring our local area focusing on farming and finding out where our food comes from.

Through-out the term, we will be building on our knowledge of plants and growth. We will grow a variety of different plants from seeds and bulbs and investigating the best conditions for them to grow.

Please see our curriculum map for more information.

## Outdoor Education

The class will be split into 3 groups and they will go out for the full day once every 3 weeks. These dates are on the letter you received before Christmas and a copy of the letter is on e-Schools. These sessions will link into our topic about farming and where food comes from. Please ensure children come adequately dressed for the weather in clothes / shoes you don't mind getting muddy and with a warm coat, hats and gloves.

**THERE WILL BE NO FOREST SCHOOLS THIS TERM**

## P.E

This term, P.E will take place on **Thursdays**. Please ensure all their uniform and P.E kit is named, including their coats. Also, we encourage children to bring in their own water bottles so they can have a drink throughout the day whenever needed.

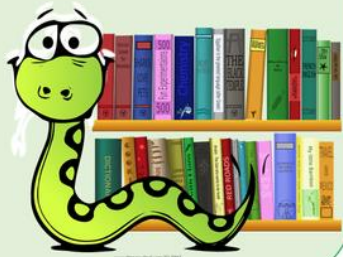
## Homework

Homework will come home on Monday and is due back on Friday. They will get spellings to practise and put into sentences. They can practise these in any way that works best for them. However, please support us by ensuring they use their best handwriting and form their letters correctly when writing.

In the front of their homework book, will be a copy of the Common Exception Words for Year 1 and 2. We have highlighted the ones they got correct in December.

## Reading Vipers

**V**ocabulary  
**I**nfer  
**P**redict  
**E**xplain  
**R**etrieve  
**S**equence or Summarise



## Reading

Reading is a key focus in school. Please read with your child as much as possible. When you have, please sign their reading record and use the comments sections if you have any messages or concerns. If they have been reading other books with you, please feel free to include these in their reading record also.

Reading skills are split into 6 domains which are shown in the image on the left. This term's focus will be on:

- Vocabulary (checking their understanding of words in a text, finding words which show a specific meaning)
- Retrieving information from a text
- Sequencing what has happened in a text in chronological order.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be working on adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using the column method. Also, we will be using our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to solve multiplication and divide calculations and identifying odd and even numbers.

You could also support your child at home by counting back from any 2-digit number as they find it tricky when crossing a tens boundary e.g. 60, 59 or 20, 19

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you for your continuing support, we really appreciate it!

Mrs Kane and Mrs Gamsby