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# Welcome to Spring Term 2021 Year 2

**Happy New Year!**

**I hope that you and your families had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the festive season, despite the strange circumstances.**

I can assure you that this term, I am going to be doing everything that I can to ensure that the children are safe and happy. Last term, the children amazed me with their resilience and hard work. Not only did they try hard to finish their Year 1 learning, but they also began their Year 2 learning journey. This term, we will be focusing on the Year 2 curriculum and on extending their knowledge, understanding and skills. I am very excited about our topics and know that the children will enjoy them too.



Our topic this term is "Our Amazing World".

There will be a big

geography focus within this topic, with some links to explorers of our world. We will be looking at how the world is divided up and learning the names of the continents and some countries. We will link our learning to our Science, where we will find out about the wonderful creatures of our earth. We will also be thinking about ways that we can look after our world, starting with protecting the environment around us.

## Home learning.

As we did last term, we are limiting the number of things that the children carry between home and school and that are shared between the children.

Your child will bring home 2 reading books on Mondays. These must stay at home and then be brought back in on Friday. Reading regularly at home is so important and so please encourage your child to read other things that they have, stories, comics, information books all count. We also have access to an online reading scheme so that the children can read more than 2 books if they wish. Further details will follow about this.

The weekly spellings to learn will be sent as a message through eSchools. Please help your child to log-on and practice their spellings for a few minutes each day. I will also put a copy of the spellings into the reading record.



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### Important things to remember:

- ☺ Year 2 start school at 8.40am
- ☺ Year 2 finish school at 2.40pm
- ☺ P.E. will be taught outside. Please can a named kit stay in school for the half term. The children will need trainers and jogging bottoms.
- ☺ Children should bring a named water bottle each day. Please no juice or fizzy drinks.

Thank you.

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## Phonics

The children have done brilliantly with their phonics learning. We are working on Phase 5 which teaches that there are different ways to make each sound. It also teaches that letters can be pronounced differently within words. This is taught daily in a Phonics lesson but it is very important that the children apply their learning within their daily reading and writing. The Phonics Play website has lots of great games to practice this...  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



## English

Handwriting will continue to be a focus this term. As always, it is really important that the children hold their pencil correctly, form the letters in the correct direction and position them correctly on the line. The app 'Bobbie Write' is great for practicing correct letter formation.

We are also going to be writing for longer periods of time. At the end of the Autumn term, the children were writing their own little stories and impressed us all with how long they were able to write for. They need to continue to remember capital letters and full stops, and other punctuation such as ? ! We are looking at adding detail such as making sentences longer by using words like 'and, because, so' and by including description and interesting word choices.

The children are becoming more confident with reading and should work on reading fluently. We will be focusing reading longer pieces of text and on comprehension skills. This is all about understanding what has been read, predicting what might happen and discussing likes and dislikes.

We will be reading a mixture of stories, poems and information books and will have story time in class everyday.

## Maths

Last term, we focused on our understanding of number. We learnt about how numbers are made up

and investigated tens and ones and how numbers can be represented in different ways.

This term, we will continue to work on addition and subtraction and learning key number facts. It is very important that the children learn off by heart number bonds to 20. This is an excellent game to practice this—

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We are also starting to look at basic multiplication and division and will be learning the 2x, 5x and 10x tables and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from different numbers and looking for patterns.

Topics such as telling the time and measurement will be taught through daily life at school. We will also be learning about money and fractions and how these are used everyday in different contexts.

## Curriculum

In Science we are going to be learning about animals, including humans. We will be learning about the main animal groups and looking at what living things need to

survive.

Throughout the term the children will also complete activities in Art, DT, Music and computing.

There will continue to be a focus on Health and Wellbeing and we are looking forward to learning more about the Brainy Bunch.

## PE

The children know how important it is to be active. We will be doing daily GoNoodle in class, yoga and dancing, as well as our weekly PE.



Thank you for your support and for being so understanding in these strange and difficult times. Please message me if you have any queries.

I was so proud of all that the children achieved last term and know that they will be fantastic again this term.