

Dear Parents,

What an exciting Autumn term we all had! Everyone is making great progress and working their socks off. Well done Year 2! We hope this gives you all the info you need about what your children will be doing in the upcoming term. Don't hesitate to pop in with any questions you might have! Thank you for your continuing support.

The Year 2 team

History: Nurturing Nurses

In History we are learning about significant people. We will be looking at Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how they changed hospitals and nursing over time. We will be using video clips and using our researching skills to get a sense of what life was like in the Crimean War.

Mathematics

We are starting this term with our addition and subtraction unit. We will then be looking at multiplication and division using arrays, groups and times tables. In Year 2, we focus on our 2,3, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts linked to these.

Computing

In Shirley Warren we always ensure children can use the internet safely. This half term we will start to look at algorithms and coding using Turtle Logo and Scratch Junior. In E-Safety, we will be looking at Google Maps and how to stay safe when using it.

PE

We have PE on a **Friday** and Dance on a **Tuesday**.
Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on these days to enable them to take part safely.
They will need : a yellow t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and trainers.
2A have started their swimming lessons this half term. A letter will go out for **2S** shortly.



Nurturing Nurses

Spring 1 in Year 2



Geography: Jamaica

This term in Geography, we will be looking at Jamaica. We will be comparing Kingston with Southampton and looking at the features of Jamaica. We will also be looking at Jamaican art.

English

In English, we will be continuing to focus on grammar skills as part of our writing, such as sentence structure (capital letters, verbs, full stops, etc.), subordination (e.g., if, when, because) and apostrophes (e.g. don't; the knight's sword). We will also be looking at using the correct tense consistently (e.g. present: swim; past: swam; continuous present: swimming). We'll also be looking at spelling rules during phonics to help with more complicated spellings. This writing will happen in the context of our topic, Nurturing Nurses, through letters, diary entries, recounts and non-chronological reports.

How can I help my child at home?

Mathematics

Money:

Talk about the value of coins, totals and change when you go shopping. Encourage your child to work out the totals/change!

Telling Time:

Encourage children to tell the time on an analogue clock on the hour and half past the hour.

Times tables:

Practice counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will also be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 2.

Talk about sharing and fractions:

When sharing food, talk about fractions or the number of groups.

Don't forget your child can use Sumdog at home!

We check our children who answer the most questions and the most accurate children every week!

If your child needs their Sumdog log-in for home, please let your child's class teacher know and they will provide you with a copy.

English

Read, read, read!

Your child will have a home-school reading book and a library book (when it is up and running again). We aim to change the home-school reading book twice a week (on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**) after the children have read the book **twice**. Remember to bring home-school reading books in daily so that Dojo Points can be claimed - points mean prizes!!

Don't forget your child can use Bug Club at home and this can be logged!

Please ensure you fill in your child's Reading Log whenever you read together, or your child reads alone. This all adds up to their Reading Class Dojo score. We are looking to get as many Dojos as we can, so keep up the super reading!

Spellings

We will be sending spellings home with your child this term. Your child should be practising these and then writing the words into sentences

Homework, home-reading and library books

Homework in Year 2 is being sent home on a **Monday** and is due back by the **Friday**. Each time your child brings their book back, they get a sticker on the class chart.

Home-reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**, but it is helpful to have them in school everyday for

Collecting Reading Dojos.

We appreciate your continued patience whilst we get the new library up and running. If your child is missing having a library book, there are libraries in Shirley/Lordshill that can be used by the public. They are a great resource to make use of and we'd love to hear about your trip to the library with your chil-