

## Dear Parents,

We hope you find all of the information you need in this letter. Please do come and talk to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

The Year 2 team

### Topic: William Shakespeare

In our English, we will be reading A Midsummer Night's Dream after finding out about William Shakespeare. We will look at the different characters in the story and sequence the main events. We will even try to act out different scenes from the story! We're also having a visitor to act out the play for us, which will be very exciting!

### Mathematics

We are starting this term by revisiting addition and subtraction before checking our knowledge of multiplication and division. We'll learn how to tell the time with 5 minute intervals and use this to solve real life problems. We will apply our previous knowledge of fractions by finding a half, a quarter and three quarters of a number.

### PE

We have PE on a **Monday** and dance on a **Wednesday** for 2D and **Thursday** for 2W.

**For PE your child will need:** a yellow t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and trainers. They will also need this kit for any sports clubs.



## Summer 1 in Year 2

## Forests, Friends and Fairies

### Computing

In computing this term, we will be starting to use and understand algorithms. We'll be learning how to program a character in Scratch Jr. and how to use programming to create puppet shows, stories and games in Scratch Jr.

### 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.), adverbs (e.g. slowly, happily, carefully) and apostrophes (e.g. don't; Max's head). 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. We'll be basing our work on William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and will be writing a detailed character description, and a diary from one of the character's points of view. We can't wait to show you our beautiful, amazing writing!

### Science: Plants

This term in Science, we will observe and describe plants in our local area. We will then plant and describe how seeds grow into plants. This will help us to describe how plants grow and stay healthy.

# How can I help my child at home?

## Mathematics

### Play *Guess my Number*:

'My number has 2 tens and 5 ones, and is odd.'

'My number has a 6 in it, and has 4 ones.'

### 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!

Please make sure your child reads to you daily. Reading helps develop their vocabulary and imagination; it helps improve their writing and concentration skills, and it calms them down at bedtime!

We've also started our new Shirley Warren reading challenge this half term. Fill in a box for each day that you read anything at home with an adult. When it's done, bring it in and ask your teacher for a sticker. We'll keep your cards and at the end of the half term one child from Key Stage 1 will be chosen to win a book. The more cards you bring back, the higher your chance of winning... so keep on reading!

### Handwriting

We've started giving out some extra special pen licences in Year 2. To get one, we have to be able to sit and hold our pencil properly and form all of our letters correctly. That means they have to have a lead in, be joined up and be the same, correct size. When they can do this consistently in their writing they will get a certificate and get to use a pen when writing in class! We can't wait to see who will get one next...

## Homework, home-reading and library books

Homework in Year 2 is being sent home on a **Monday** and is due back by the **Friday**.

Home-reading books will be changed on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, but it is helpful to have them in school everyday for one-to-one reading.

Library books only need to be brought in on **Fridays**, ready to be changed.