

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer. We are very excited to welcome you to Year 2 and continue with our fantastic learning. **School starts at 8:50a.m. and finishes at 3:00p.m.** Please do not hesitate to come and see a member of the Year 2 team if you have any worries or questions.

Thanks, The Year 2 team

Science

In Science, we are learning about how animals, including humans, grow and the different things they need to stay healthy. We have already talked about the different stages of life for animals and humans. We will be learning about staying alive and the things needed to do so, and how humans stay healthy.

Mathematics

We are starting this term by revising our number bonds to 10 (e.g. $6 + 4 = 10$) and starting to learn our number bonds to 20, focusing on the quick recall of these facts. We will be revising counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and learning about place value (the tens and ones in two digit numbers) and how we can show their values using different resources. Place value is a really important skill for us to master because a lot of our number work in the future will be based on this! There are ideas on the back of this to help you support your child at home.

PE

We will be focusing on continuing to develop our movement skills, such as running, jumping, throwing and catching. We'll do this by playing basic net games.

We have PE on a **Tuesday** and Dance on a **Thursday. For PE your child will need:** a yellow t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and trainers. Children **must** wear their PE kit for their after school clubs too.

Julia
Donaldson

Autumn 1 in
Year 2



Computing

In Shirley Warren, we always ensure children can use the Internet safely. It is internet safety week this half term, so we'll be learning more about how to stay safe online, including logging on and off of websites that we use for learning. You can help at home by talking to your child about how they can stay safe on the internet. You can also encourage your child to use Google Safe Search when using the internet at home.

English

In English, we will be learning all about the author, Julia Donaldson! We will be reading lots of her stories and using these to help us when writing our own stories. We are focusing on the basic skills needed to write a good sentence (like capital letters, full stops and finger spaces) and we are also going to be learning about the different sentence types (statement, command, exclamation and question) and using adjectives (describing words) to create expanded noun phrases.

Geography: Continents and Oceans

This term in Geography, we will be looking at the different continents of the world and the five oceans. We are learning about each continent and the different features of places around the world.

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.’

Talk about money when out shopping:

‘How could I make this amount with coins?’

‘If I buy this with a £1 coin, how much change will I get?’

Addition and Subtraction:

‘What would it cost if I bought this and this together?’

‘Show me how I should add these two numbers.’

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!

We're continuing 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 for a dip in the class treasure chest. 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!

Children will have a home-school reader book and a library book. We aim to change the home-school reader book twice a week (on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**) after the children have read the book **twice**.

Don't forget your child can use Bug Club at home!

Spellings

We will be sending spellings home with your child this term. Try using them in silly sentences, or doing look, say, cover, write, check to learn to spell the words. Some children will be given words that have a rule to go with them —make sure you learn the rule as well as the words!

Homework, home-reading and library books

Homework in Year 2 is sent home on a **Monday** and it is due back by **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. This is a great way for your child to get extra, exciting books that they might not normally get to read and can be used towards the Shirley Warren Reading Challenge!