**Year 2 Newsletter**

**Summer Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of Year 2! I hope you all had a great Easter holiday; it has been lovely to hear what all of the children have been up to. I cannot believe how quickly this year is going but I am excited for all of the learning that we still have left to do!

**Topic**

In Summer 1, our main topic will be ‘What is it like Down Under?’ in Geography, where we will learn all about Australia. In this topic, your child will look at atlases to find where Australia is located in the world and which oceans surround it.

They will understand what the climate is like in Australia and look at how weather patterns are different across the different parts. Your child will know how to identify some physical and human features of Australia and use the four cardinal points to describe their positions. We will also look at features of everyday life in Sydney before moving on to compare and contrast Australia with us in the UK. The children will finally learn about forest fires and how these can affect life in Australia.

 In Summer 2, we will have a History based topic all about ‘Magnificent Monarchs’. The children will learn about different significant monarchs from the past and up to the present day and will consider how power of the monarchy has changed over time. A knowledge organiser for this topic will be sent out at the beginning of Summer 2 for more information.

In Science, our first topic is ‘Animals’. Your child will learn about what animals need to survive, including what is essential and non-essential. They will learn about how animals change as they grow up and will look further into why exercise and hygiene is important and why we should have a balanced diet. Our second Science topic is ‘Protecting the Environment’ where your child will learn about the dangers to the local environment and animals and why recycling is important. They will think about how we can save water and be energy efficient and discuss why trees are important too. Your child will finish the topic by discussing the differences we can make at home and school to help protect the environment around us.

**Things to Remember**

For the final term, children should continue to bring in their book bag, water bottle and lunch box, if necessary. Water bottles should be clearly labelled and filled with water. Please make sure that clothing is clearly labelled to avoid a large number of jumpers, etc. getting lost or struggling to get back to their owners. Please can we kindly ask that your child does not bring in personal items or toys from home to avoid them getting lost or damaged. The children will continue to receive a free fruit snack each day but if you would like to send your own in, please make sure it is a small healthy snack, e.g. fruit, vegetables, dried fruit or plain rice cake. We are a nut allergy friendly school so please ensure that you avoid sending products in that contain nuts.

**PE Days**

Class 2’s PE days will continue to be on a Wednesday with our sports coach and Friday with me. Please can children come in their PE kits and make sure all items are clearly labelled.

**Reading Books**

Children continue to be sent home each week with a Little Wandle ‘fluency’ book that is matched to their current level. We change these books once children have completed them so please make sure they are in school every day with their reading records for when we read with them throughout the week. All children should also have a reading for pleasure book, which they change on Fridays. As part of the homework and to promote reading for pleasure, we ask that your child reads at least three times a week at home and writes it in their reading record.

**Homework**

Please see the separate sheet attached regarding the Year 2 homework activities for Summer 1. The grid includes activities for Maths, Reading, Spellings and Curriculum and you can organise your time however you see fit within the week. As always, there is no need to formally record anything. We will have informal checks on Fridays with the fortnightly spellings and a formal test on the final week of some of the 30 words. The homework aims to help your child learn important things that will help them in Year 2 for the remainder of this year.

One of the fortnightly Maths is to have a go on Doodle maths and Times Table Rock Stars. As your child is heading towards KS2 and Year 3, this is an important time to practise their times tables, including both multiplication and division facts. We have now covered the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table so please can your child be using TTRS as often as possible to learn these fluently.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes

Mrs Bradley