

## Class Newsletter – Spring 1

### Happy New Year

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you on behalf of all the Year 2 staff for all of our lovely cards and presents – you spoilt us! Hopefully, the children have had a good break and have recharged their batteries ready to start the new term. Our new topic is '**Movers and Shakers**'. This term, we will have extra support in year 2 because Miss Harris, a trainee teacher from the Forest Way Teaching School Alliance, will be joining our class. Miss Harris will be with us until March.

I would like to say a big well done to the children for a very successful first term in Year 2 and of course, a big thank you to the parents for your continued support. I am confident that the children will also enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that this term has to offer.

### Reading

Reading has a huge impact on children's development therefore, we ask for parents to read with their children five times per week in order for them to reap the full benefits. Children will receive a sticker and be entered into our weekly reading raffle for reading **5 times for around 10-15 minutes per week**. If children read less than 3 times a week, we will give them the opportunity to complete some reading during their golden time on a Friday afternoon.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set every **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**. The homework for this half-term will be set on Times Table Rocks Stars. You might find it useful to look back at the TTRS parent information letter I sent out last term which is available on our school website under the Year 2 Class tab. You should be able to find your child's login details in their reading diaries.

In addition to this, individual spellings are also written in children's reading diaries. Children are encouraged to practise spelling these words using their chosen method on a separate piece of paper at home.

### Forest School

Our Forest School session will continue to be on a **Monday afternoon**. Our first session will be on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**January**. Please provide appropriate clothing for children to change into on this day. Wellington boots or walking shoes are ideal and can be kept in our outdoor area. You may wish to provide your child with waterproof trousers along with a waterproof coat as we aim to go outside in all weathers.

### PE

This term we will be focussing on **Gymnastics** in PE. These lessons will now be on a **Thursday morning** with our sports coach. Children will need their **indoor PE kit** for these lessons:

black pumps, black or Navy shorts/leggings and a Navy or white t-shirt. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Children will need to remove their earrings for the lesson.