



Welcome to Year 2



Welcome back. We hope you all had an amazing summer holiday and are refreshed ready for the new school year. We have lots of exciting topics and events planned for you this year, that we hope you will enjoy.



Our first trip will be to see 'The Wind in the Willows' at the Lowry, further details about this will be sent out shortly. This trip links with our first topic which you can read about on our topic letter out next week.



P.E will usually be on a Thursday afternoon, but it is advisable that P.E kits should stay in school for the half term, as the day may occasionally change.



Homework will be given out on a Friday and is expected to be returned on the following Thursday. Any child who does not hand their homework in on time will attend homework club with Mrs Sharrock on a Thursday lunch time. Homework will consist of a weekly reading comprehension, 20 minutes daily reading, spellings and multiplication practice. Diaries must be signed by parents/carers and regularly checked for messages from school.



Please also find attached a leaflet showing the Year Group Expectations for your child. This explains what your child is expected to know by the end of this school year in each of the core curriculum areas. This will mean they are at the expected level for a Year 2 child.



Here is hoping that we have a fun filled and successful year ahead. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to pop in and speak to us.



Mrs Ryding
Mrs Hackett
Mrs Nixon





There is No Place Like Home.



Our first topic is 'There is no place like home,' where we will be looking at animals and their habitats.



In our literacy lessons, we will be studying 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Graham. We will be writing narratives about the characters experiences. In our SPAG sessions we will be consolidating our knowledge of capital letters and full stops and using expanded noun phrases.



In Maths, we will be expanding our place value knowledge of two digit numbers, we will be able to partition the numbers in different ways, compare different numbers as well as read and write them in numbers and words. We will finish the half term extending our addition and subtraction knowledge.



In Science, our work will be on habitats, where we will investigate the similarities between things that are living and those that are not. We will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and look at simple food chains.



Our artist for this half term is E. H. Shepard, the artist who illustrated 'The Wind in the Willows.' We will create a water colour background and paint our own versions of the characters.



In PSHEC, we will be setting our own goals and thinking about how we can keep safe in school as well as online.



As part of our British Values work, we will look at democracy, linking with the new council elections and the rule of law when we discuss Mr. Toad's misdemeanors in literacy.



If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.



Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxq6pv4>

[http://resources.woodlands-](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/living/habitats.html)

[junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/living/habitats.html](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/living/habitats.html)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

