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Head Teacher: Mr Chris Hansen

12th January, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope you've had a great Christmas and are looking forward to 2018 as much as we are.

Please find below, a summary of the learning **Year 2** will be covering this term.

If your child does anything at home that supports their topic, please send it in as it's always lovely to celebrate children's enthusiasm for learning!

Spring Term Topics	
Maths	Place value of digits in a two digit number. Adding and subtracting single digit and two digit numbers. Addition and subtraction facts to 20. Including using concrete objects, pictorial representations and calculating mentally. Recall and use multiplication facts using times tables (2, 5 and 10). Recognising Fractions of shapes and amounts. Identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. Solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change. Compare and sequence intervals of time tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.
English	In English we will be working on presentation and handwriting. Using adjectives and adverbs consistently throughout our work and developing our stamina for writing a range of genres including letters, stories, recounts and non-fiction reports. We will continue learning our weekly spellings in order to apply them correctly in our writing. We will be sharing a variety of texts in English lessons and reading in pairs and as a class every week.
Science	Uses of everyday materials. Developing out scientific skills to predict, prepare and carry out investigations from which we will record results and develop our skills in order to interpret them.
Topic	We will be looking at our local area and the wider world including the use of maps. Easter – history and traditions of Easter
Computing	E-safety We will be learning how to use search engines to locate things on the internet and to use a variety of websites for research.
DT and Art	We will use a range of materials creatively to design and make products, such as paper weaved items and coasters. We will learn about the history of weaving around the world.
PSHE	Jigsaw scheme: Dreams and Goals; Relationships.

RE	Christianity – Easter Resurrection Islam – Prayer at home
PE	2SG – Dance: creating a dance using patterns and sequencing movement. Games: Football 2SB – Games: Netball / Gym: creating a routine using balance.

Class Additional Information	
Routines	The bell rings at 9.00am, at this time the children line up in their classes and will be taken into school by their teacher. Please could I ask you to pass over book bags and P.E kits to the children before they line up as this makes the task of lining up much more straightforward. Please also allow plenty of space for the children to walk into school.
PE kit	Please make sure that your child has their full P.E kit in school every day, this includes black/navy shorts, a white T-shirt and pumps or trainers. Set P.E days are as follows: 2SB - Tuesday 2SG - Wednesday
Homework	
Reading	This term the children will be keeping their reading books for a school week, they should read this book at least 3 times, but also practice the phonics sounds, words and answer the comprehension questions in the book which will develop both their reading and comprehension skills. In order to develop the fluency skills and stamina for reading children should be reading for at least 15 minutes each school night.
Spelling	All children will receive spellings on a Thursday, with the test the following Thursday.
Maths	Maths homework is sent home on a Monday and should be completed and returned to school on Wednesday of the same week. In Year 2 the children will be learning their 2,5,10 and 3 times tables – any home support given on learning their times tables will help your child greatly in all areas of their maths.
English	English homework is sent home on a Thursday and should be completed and returned to school on Monday of the following week. Please feel free to support your child with their homework if needed and write a note to let us know any issues.
Special Events	
5 th March - Parents Evening – 5 to 8pm 8 th March - Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm	
14 th March – 1pm Theatre Trip	

If you are able to find the time to come into read with our Year 2 children we would really appreciate your support. Please contact Mrs Green if you are interested.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Green and Seamus Bradford - Class teachers