



# Welcome to Yr 2

Year 2 Term 1



Dear Parents,

## Topic

Our class topic this term is 'Wriggle and Crawl'. This is a science based topic looking at mini beasts and the different environments in which they live. In geography they will be mapping their local area identifying physical and human features, using the geographical area. In Art & Design they will be sketching mini beasts and cooking using honey. Plus much more.

## Homework

*Spellings* for this term will be stuck in their homework books. All books need to be handed in on Thursdays when they will be tested and books will be returned on Fridays. Children need to write a sentence which includes each word in their homework books. On the final week of each term I will choose random words from those they have learnt in previous weeks to check that they have retained them, if not we will revisit them later in the year.

*Maths*- maths homework will be set online via the Mathletics website. The children all have a login in their homework books. You are able to download the app free for tablets.

*Reading*- home readers will be checked at school once a week. The books will be changed when we feel a child is not only confident with reading the text and the key words but also understand the text through questioning. Please re-read the book several times to encourage fluency as they need to be reading 90+ words per minute on gold/white band by the end of the year to be age expected. See the questions at the back of the book to aid your child at home. Please fill in the reading journal and should your child finish a book feel free to write in extra books they have read from home.

## PE

This year one of the children's physical activity session will be run by **Commando Joe's**. This will be on a Wednesday morning for Year 2. Through Physical activity they will be developing skills such as teamwork, effective communication, tolerance, resilience and perseverance. Their second PE session will be on Friday afternoons.

Children will need to have their PE kits in school at all times. A PE kit should include: T-shirt, shorts, plimsolls, socks, tracksuit bottoms and top and trainers. Please label all items of clothing.

## Other

- Attached are some ideas for Topic homework. Please choose at least 2 off the list to complete during this term. Children may bring them in on Fridays to present to the rest of the class.
- Evergreen (a reward given every 2 weeks to children who display the correct behaviour at all times). The children are aware of unacceptable behaviour and are given a reminder then a warning, if this occurs more than once in a day they will take a green slip to take the headteacher. If Mrs Woolley receives 2 slips they will lose their evergreen treat. Certain behaviours deemed to be severe can result in losing their evergreen immediately. Children will have chance over the two week period to earn some of their evergreen time back. A text home at the end of each week will be sent home. Positive behaviour is rewarded with team points, certificates, praise and their evergreen treat.

And finally...

I hope your child enjoys their first term in Year 2, should you have any concerns or problems please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Bishop & Ms Beastall

Year 2 Teaching Team