

# Year 2 - Term 4



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very pleased to welcome back all students to Term 4.

## Curriculum Overview for Year 2

This term the children will be learning about animals and minibeasts. They will learn about the life cycle of different animals, making comparisons between adults and their young and creating fact files on minibeasts.

Our work in English this term is going to be both fiction and non-fiction. The children will be reading the story "The Twits" and will be writing their own tricks for Mr and Mrs Twit and creating character profiles. They will be using non-fiction texts to research about minibeasts which will link to their science learning.

In Mathematics, we will focus on learning how to tell the time. We would encourage parents and carers to support their learning of this by discussing the time with the children when they can, for example ask your children to tell you the time.

We will continue working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and we ask that you work on these at home with your child as they form an integral part of accessing the maths curriculum. Times tables will be tested weekly in our 'Monkey Maths' lessons. Please encourage your child to use their login to play "Times Table Rockstars" at least once a week.

Additionally, it is important that your child can confidently recall their number facts including their number bonds to 10, number bonds to 20 and number bonds within 20. A useful game to support this learning is "Hit the button" which can be found on Google.

## Expectations

We ask for your support in completing regular home learning with your children and ask that you hear your child read at least **five** times a week and log their reading book title in their contact books. Each week, children that read five times are entered into a raffle which gets drawn at the end of the term. The children will continue to use Accelerated Reader and have taken the STAR reader test for this term which will determine their new number coded book band. Each day once your child has finished his or her book they are able to take a quiz on a school ipad to check their understanding of the text. We are grateful for your continued support in hearing your children read and ensuring that they continue to bring their contact books and reading books to school.

Your child will have a designated day per week when he/she will have a spelling test and will then receive new words. Your child will bring home a small spelling book which contains the words and information regarding the day of the week your child will be tested. Please practise these spellings at home.

## P.E.

P.E. this term will be every Wednesday afternoon, so please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school on this day. All clothing and P.E. kit should be named. For P.E., earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons.

If you have any queries regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to discuss these with us. Your continued support is very much valued.

Thank you,

Mrs Tan and Mrs Hunt- Year 2 Teachers.