



# Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term Two 2020

Welcome back to another busy term!

We are slowly getting closer to the 'Secret Agent Training' tests in May (SAT's). The children have begun looking at similar questions and papers that will be used during this test period and will be regularly completing 'secret agent challenges' to ensure they feel comfortable, confident and at ease with the process. The children so far are taking it in their stride and enjoy taking the challenges to show off what they can do. This is how I hoped it to be. We always discuss the tests as a positive way to showcase our skills and knowledge. Year 2 are a hardworking, resilient and amazing group of characters and I know they will do themselves proud. Any worries, concerns or issues from the children are discussed when they arise so we can overcome it together. Please, if you have any questions or worries my door is always open and I will be happy to talk with you.

## **Important information:**

**Maths** -In Year 2 children need to know number bonds to 10 and 20 and also the 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart. Please continue to practice these at home to ensure fluency and quick recall of these facts. Once confident with these they can move onto 3x table. Frequent practice of the four operations is also highly recommended (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

**English** - Please continue to practice handwriting skills, formation and joined up lettering.

**Spellings** - These have overall improved throughout the class but I would love to see high marks for all children as we go over these during spelling lessons and they have their spellings over a week so extra reminders to please, please practice the spellings given!

**PE** – Continuing our Gymnastics scheme of lessons then moving onto outdoor PE and game skills.

## **What we are learning this term:**

**English:** We are looking at: editing and improving our work. Checking our punctuation, spelling and grammar. Tidying up our work including handwriting and presentation. Looking at different purposes of writing including persuasive letters and informative texts. Also more work on poems and stories with larger content and meaning to develop reading pace, fluency and stamina.

**Reading:** Exploring further variety of fiction and non-fiction texts together during English and Guided reading lessons. Guided reading skills are improving throughout the class so please continue to read little and often with your child and sign their records. Talk about the story, ask questions. Please encourage reading of many types of texts including books, magazines, newspapers, information books etc. to really develop vocabulary and knowledge of books in readiness for the varying types they will see in SAT's.

**Maths:** Exploring geometry: properties of shape. Compare and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including the number of sides and line of symmetry. Continuous practice of word problems and times table work.

**Science:** This term we will be investigating plants. We will be observing a life cycle from seed or bulb to adult plant, planting and growing our own plants and looking at what plants need to survive.

**Topic:** Geography – We are continuing our learning on maps, route work and looking at the countries of the UK.

**RE:** Exploring thank you (giving and receiving), the process of Mass and Eucharistic Prayer.

Thank you as always for all your support 😊

Mrs. Yarwood, Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Walmsley.