**Homework**

As mentioned in our meeting before Summer, we will give out as little homework as possible! We would ask you to read with your child regularly, practise spellings and use Mathletics as much as possible to help your child master the basics of year 2.

**Workshops**

Throughout the year we will be offering workshops where you can come along and find out about Year 2. In these workshops we will also equip you with skills to support your child’s learning at home.

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**Attendance**

It is so important that your child is in school everyday. If for any reason your child is not in school please phone or text to let the office know. This year we are aiming for 96% attendance!!

**Date for your Diary**

Monday 8th October, Friday 12th October, Monday 15th October—Key Stage 1 Nick Sharratt visits. More information to follow!

Please check the school website and class pages
Our topics this half term will be:

Significant people

We will look closely at the life of Queen Victoria and people that are significant to us.

Additionally, in Science, we will look at materials and their uses. This will see us carrying out in-

English

This half term we will be exploring warning tales. We will look at the story of Peter Rabbit. This topic will focus on children mastering sentence construction.

How can you help?

- Practise high frequency words spellings
- Children to describe what objects, places, people look like
- Read stories to your child as regularly as possible.
- Discuss the plot of the stories you have read.

Maths

In Number we are looking at 2-digit numbers, including tens and ones, problem solving, multiples of 1 and 10, different ways to make numbers. We will then go on to exploring 2-digit numbers using what we have learnt to help us.

How can you help?

- Practise forming numbers correctly
- Play games involving numbers
- Counting forwards and backwards from different numbers less than one hundred.

Phonics and spelling

Initially we will be revisiting reading and writing the phonemes that the children have learnt in Year 1. We will then begin to look at the alternative graphemes for s, n, l, r and e. In addition high frequency words will be a key focus and will be tested informally on a weekly basis.

How can you help?

- Encourage your child to sound out the words as they write them.
- Play phonics games with your child. If unsure speak to your child’s class teacher.
- Learn how to read and write the 100 high frequency words (a copy will be sent home).

Year 2 Expectations

During the first half-term you may hear your child speaking about non-negotiables. These skills are crucial for good progress in year 2 and as a result there will be a strong emphasis on this from all staff in marking.

PE

Year 2 will have their PE lessons on a Monday and Wednesday.

On a Monday, PE will be outside so children must have a tracksuit, white t-shirt, trainers and a tracksuit top or sweatshirt. Specialist PE coaches will work with classes this year so please remember your kit!

On a Wednesday, PE will be outdoors so they will need black shorts and a white t-shirt.

We recommend P.E kit is brought in on a Monday and left in school until Friday. That way we may be able to do some extra sessions!

If you have any questions please ask your class teacher.