We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and that you are ready for an action packed Spring 1!

We made a fantastic start to Year 2 and we will continue to build on this in the lead up to Easter.

**Keeping Up To Date**

We will update our Year 2 class pages regularly regarding homework, key dates and important information.

http://www.sharplane.leeds.sch.uk/dahl-yr-2/
http://www.sharplane.leeds.sch.uk/potter-yr-2/
http://www.sharplane.leeds.sch.uk/donaldson-yr-2/

**Good Morning**

Our doors open at 8:45 for your children to enter the classroom. Our doors close at 8:55. If your child arrives after this time, please walk them round to the front office.

Every morning there will be a morning task or small group intervention to complete at 8:45 – 8:55am. This equates to 1 hour and 15 minutes of learning time each week so please ensure your child arrives at school on time and is ready to start the school day.

**Indoor PE**

Indoor PE, for all 3 classes, takes place on a Wednesday morning. Please make sure that your child has the correct kit and if they are unable to take part that you inform the class teacher.

In indoor PE this half term, we will look at gymnastics. As part of our PE, we are improving our gross and fine motor skills and playing lots of fun games.

**Outdoor PE**

Outdoor PE takes place on a Tuesday. Children will complete in a variety of games and activities and will need warm PE kit to take part. This includes sensible footwear that can be worn on the MUGA.

*What if my child forgets their kit?*

Where possible, we will find a suitable spare kit for your child to wear however if this becomes a persistent occurrence we will contact you to find a solution.

*Top tip –* if your child brings both kits on Monday and takes them home on Friday, it allows us the opportunity to do more PE lessons, more regularly!
Reading Records

Please try and read with your child as regularly as possible. It is great if your child reads their home-school book but don’t forget Raving Readers points can be gained for reading ANYTHING!!! Try a magazine or newspaper or just choose your own book. A child that enjoys reading is much more likely to be successful, not just at school but in everyday life! Books will be changed twice a week.

Topic

This half term we will be learning all about living things and their habitats. We will find out about what makes something living or never alive. Additionally, we will explore the variety of habitats that can be found around Sharp Lane and elsewhere in the world!

If anyone has any books or pictures they would like to bring in that relate to our topic, particularly factual books, we would appreciate sharing these with the children. We are going to be doing lots of exploring in the garden for this topic so please ensure children are dressed for the weather!

Maths and English

Maths

We will spend this half term looking at multiplication and division. We will also be looking at shape and looking at statistics, linking with our topic learning. Please help your child at home by practising their mental maths skills. Timetables (x2, x3, x5, x10) and being able to quickly +10 & -10 are a huge help to your child.

English

In English we will look at writing reports, chronological and non-chronological using information we learn in our topic lessons. We will continue to develop our sentence construction and include expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and adverbs. The children will also work on their comprehension skills in reading and will be challenged to improve their reading fluency.

Break Time Snacks

Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack for break time. This may include fresh fruit or cereal bars.

Diary Dates

RSBP wildlife workshop – 16th January

This session will partly take place outdoors. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather on this day.

Homework

Homework will only be sent home when pupils need more support or challenge with a topic. We expect pupils to regularly practise their Non Negotiable spellings, access Mathletics & Timestables Rockstars and read regularly. Please check the class webpages for ideas and activities to support your child.

Growth Mindset

We continue to learn about and include Growth Mindset in all of our learning. This works alongside our Sharp Lane 6Rs Animal Heroes!