Year 2
Autumn Term 2

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely half-term break and that you are ready for an action packed Autumn 2! We made a fantastic start to life in Year 2 and we will continue to build on this in the lead up to Christmas.

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 around 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 dance skills. 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

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**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.

**Maths and English**

**Maths**

We will spend this half term looking at addition and subtraction problems. This will build on our place value work from Autumn 1. 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 a journey story. We will develop our sentence construction and talk about 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.

**Topic**

This half term we will be learning all about Africa. We will find out about some key similarities and differences between here and there. Additionally, we will explore the children’s own questions to understand as much as we can about this fascinating place!

If you know somebody that has any interesting pictures, artefacts or stories from a trip to Africa, please let us know. We would love to be able to share some first-hand experiences with the children!

**Break Time Snacks**

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

**Diary Dates**

- Parents’ Evening – November 14th & 15th.
- Africa Day – 8th November
- Christmas Production – week beginning 10th December

**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 leaning. This works alongside our Sharp Lane 6Rs Animal Heroes!