

Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a restful and happy holiday with your children. The children have come back after the break with wonderful hard working attitudes and have settled straight back into our school routines. ☺

Our new topic in Spring 1 will be Food, Glorious Food! This is an exciting topic and one which previous Year 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed; we will be learning about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle.

Writing

The children will learn the key features of instructional texts. This will help them to write their own instructions on how to create a fruit salad. The children will also be writing their own stories about food which got away!

Reading

We strongly encourage you to read with your child **every day** or at least **3 times a week** for a **minimum of 10 minutes**. Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please practise the phonic sounds with your child, help them retrieve answers to questions and describe how characters are feeling; using the text to help them. Furthermore, discuss how they can make connections with the books that they are reading and other books that they have read or their own experiences. Please ensure you sign your child's reading record each time.

Maths

This half term the children will continue to count money in pounds and pence and find different ways of making the same amount. They will collect, record and interpret data using tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. The children will also learn that multiplication is making repeated groups of the same amount and that division is grouping or sharing amounts equally.

Science

This half term the children are learning about healthy and unhealthy habits. We will be exploring what we can do to stay healthy such as eating healthily, exercising and having good hygiene.

PE

Year 2 Dame Jane Goodall – Monday and Thursday

Year 2 Sir David Attenborough - Monday and Wednesday

The children must come to school in their PE kits on these days thank you

Chromebooks

Please make sure your child's Chromebook is **charged every night** before they come to school. This is really important to ensure that they can access any learning that takes place whilst in school.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.
Thank you so much for your support!

Year 2 team ☺

Important Dates:

- Monday 6th January 2025- School opens to pupils
- TBC- Dame Jane Goodall Class school trip to Wagamama
- TBC- Florence Nightingale Class school trip to Wagamama
- Friday 14th February 2025- School closes to pupils for the half term holiday



You can help by:

- Encouraging your child to practise reading and spelling the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words and their spellings on **Spelling Shed**.
- Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition and subtraction facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

- Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school.