

WELCOME BACK YEAR 2

We are so pleased to see all the children back at school and can't wait to have lots of fun this half term! As always, we will keep you up to date with what is happening in school via the contact board outside the Year 2 classrooms or through letters and text messages if required.

OUR CURRICULUM FOR THE SPRING TERM

Our topic this half term is **Exploring our World!** We are going to adventure beyond our local area and explore Planet Earth. As world explorers, we will learn about the continents and oceans of our planet, as well as the Equator, and use the points of the compass to describe different locations. Focussing on the continent of Africa and a country focus of Uganda, we will explore the texts 'Sing to the Moon' and 'Red and the very Hungry Lion' to inspire us to write setting descriptions and stories. Through Art and DT, we will create our own cushions, using the Ugandan print of 'Kitenge'. Our Spanish topic is 'Vamos en un Picnic... We're going on a picnic.' We can't wait!

- [Twitter](#) Click the link to go to our school Twitter page for updates on what Year 2 are learning each week.

Homework project

We know the children LOVE learning about different countries so we are setting them a project to focus on a country of their choice. This could be a country where they are from, have family, have visited, want to visit or simply have a huge curiosity about! The project can be presented however you want ... we know you are a creative bunch!

Please see the letter attached for ideas.

The due date is **Monday 29th March** – your child will have an opportunity to present their project.

Reading

We have been amazed by all the reading that many of the children have been doing at home. We have some children that have nearly reached 100 on the reading tracker!! Please keep reading with your child at home for a short time every day and record this in their Home School Diary.

We will continue to change your child's reading book on Thursdays.

Spelling

We will test the children on their individual spelling bookmarks on Fridays. Please practise these at home and write in your child's Home School Diary by Thursday if they are ready to be tested.

Times Table Rock Stars

Please keep encouraging your child to practise their times tables. We will leave the Times Table Rock Stars log-in details up on Showbie in the TTRS assignment. We would love to see a class of rock stars!



Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and double check that your child's name is on all items of clothing to enable us to identify any lost property and return to you. Thanks!

As we are keeping windows open to increase ventilation at the moment, please make sure your child has lots of layers to keep warm. It's definitely getting warmer but can still be quite chilly in the classroom!

PE

This term, year 2 will continue to have PE on **Tuesday afternoons**. Your child must wear their PE kit on this day. They do not need to bring school uniform, as they will wear their kit all day. Please ensure your child wears a full PE kit, **including plimsolls/ trainers, long joggers/shorts (weather dependent), a plain white t-shirt and a blue hoody/school jumper** and that all items are clearly labelled with their name. If your child wears earrings, and they are unable to remove them independently, they must be removed before school on PE days, otherwise they will not be able to take part and we really don't want the children to miss out!

Water bottles and milk

If your child would like milk, please contact the school office to arrange this. Whether your child has milk or not, they will also need a water bottle in school every day so they can have a drink when needed. Children will keep their bottles on the table so it is important that they have a spill proof cap (sports cap) to protect work. For this reason, we ask that bottles only contain water, as spilt squash/flavoured water is very sticky. As we work to reduce plastic waste, please ensure that your child's bottle is reusable rather than a single use plastic.

Lunches

The children can choose between three lunch options or bring a packed lunch from home. To help with this, we will continue to display the weekly menu in the window and would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes each morning helping your child to read the menu and make their choice. Paper copies of the menu can be provided on request.

We encourage all children to have a hot meal if possible, particularly in the cold months. However, if your child would like a grab bag, please let a member of staff know in the morning.

Thank you for your support,
The Year 2 Team