



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> half



### Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We hope that you've all had a lovely Christmas break and that the children are pleased to be back and ready to work hard! We are really looking forward to working with all the children in year 2. Please feel free to speak to Mrs Pickles or Mrs Hall about any questions or concerns you may have. Mrs Hall will be teaching every Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Pickles will be teaching on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### P.E. Kits

Please make sure your child has their named P.E. kit in school at all times. We will send it home at February half term to be washed! The children will be doing dance and multi-skills this term. P.E. will be every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

### Topics

Our main topic this half term is 'materials'. We will be carrying out some investigations to test the suitability of materials. As part of our history work we will be researching Charles Macintosh and making a presentation about him in computing. We will be visiting some of our local churches to find out about different places of worship in RE. If you have any books or resources at home that may be useful please bring them in to school.

### Reading Rewards

We will be continuing the reading at home reward system where your child will get a dojo for every 4 reads at home. Regular practise will ensure they become confident, fluent readers which will enable them to access all areas of the curriculum more easily. Please make sure you record this in their reading records which will be checked on a Monday.

### Homework

Weekly expectations are:

- 10 minutes each night reading their reading book, a newspaper, a magazine or Kindle,
- 10 minutes on spellings (3 times per week)
- 5 minutes each night on Learn Its and, when appropriate,
- research as part of our topic.

### Spellings

Spellings will be 'tested' every Monday and new spellings for the week will be given. The children need to be able to spell the common exception words for year 2 so these will form part of their weekly spellings. The other words will be linked to the spelling scheme.