

# Welcome back Class 2

What a fantastic start to 2019 we have had! I hope you had a lovely break and are ready for another fantastic term of fun filled learning! We welcomed back so many excited and motivated children to school and looking very smart too in the correct school uniform.

## How is Africa different to the UK?



This half term we will be carrying on our theme of 'African Safari' with our research question being "how is Africa different to the UK?". We will continue to make links to the world around us as well as looking at the wildlife in Africa and the UK. We will use our knowledge of africa to design african inspired jewellery and create some tie dye pieces.

**Maths** This half-term we will continue to look at fractions. We will also begin to look at 2D and 3D shapes in geometry. In addition to this we will be learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Throughout this term we will continue to apply our reasoning and problem solving skills to everyday problems in mathematics.



**English** We will begin this half term by reading "Giraffes can't dance". This will link to our writing where we will work on producing our own stories linking to the book. Throughout the term we will also be reading "the hunter" and "Nelson Mandela long walk to freedom". We will use these texts to link to our reading and writing lessons.

**Science** In science this half term we will be working scientifically and applying our knowledge to lots of excited science experiments. In addition to this we will also be linking our science knowledge to data collection to develop our science and maths skills. This half term we will also take part in science week and I look forward to seeing the creations you all make for the science competition.

**Punctuality** The doors into school are open for children from 8:45am. The registers close at 8:55 so if your child arrives after this time they will receive a late mark. It really helps your child and the rest of the class to start the school day well if they arrive at this time. Please be punctual.



**P.E.** Year two are extremely lucky to have Major Oaks teach their P.E. lesson on a Monday afternoon and for 1 hour on a Thursday morning. They will also be continuing their Yoga lessons on a Tuesday. Please make sure children have the right PE kit in school. All earrings will need to be removed before a PE lesson due to health and safety. It is ideal for the children to keep their kit in school all half term then they will definitely have it when they need it. At half term we will send all PE kits home so they can be washed.



**Reading Books** Please listen to your children read as regularly as you can, ideally every day. As a rule, it would be great if children could read at least one book every week. Children who read confidently tend to be those that do best in other school work too. It is really helpful for us if family write in the reading diary to show when children need to change their book. Please help your child to be in the routine of bringing their book bag into school every day.



**Phonics and Spellings** Year 2 will be continuing to work on the spellings of the year 1 and 2 common exception words. These will be handed out at the beginning of term. To help your child embed these spellings it would be great if you could encourage them to use the spellings in their independent writing and recap them whilst reading.

**Homework** A homework pack with links to our theme will be issued each half term for children to complete during the half term. Homework show and tell will be on a Friday afternoon where children can achieve 5 dojo points for their home learning!



In addition to this year 2 will also continue to receive weekly homework to be completed throughout the week. This will either be a reading or maths activity. It would be great if you could support your child with this and encourage them to be confident and independent learners.

Please don't hesitate to speak to me after school if you have any questions or queries and I will do my very best to help. Thank you for your support.

Miss Benson

Mrs Vladev

**Dates for your diary**

World book day - Thursday 7th March

Red nose day - Friday 15th March

Science week - W/C 25th March

Finish for Half Term - Friday 5th April

Return from Half Term - Tuesday 23rd April