



## Welcome to Year 2

### English

In English this half term we are starting off by focusing on animal adventure stories. We will be looking at the book 'The way home for wolf'. We will be reading the book and doing some in-depth work about the characters, setting and events. The children will have lots of opportunities to read texts and investigate vocabulary. They will do short writing tasks such as letters, fact files, descriptions and diaries. The children will work on the text and build up to planning and writing a story involving an animal of their choice and also an information leaflet around wolves. The children will then look at some poetry based on wolves and try to write a simple poem. We will be having a big focus on ensuring that the children use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly. In addition to this we will also work on using conjunctions, verbs, nouns and adjectives within their work building on from Year 1. Spellings are very important and we will be doing daily spellings in class focusing on consolidating phonemes from phonics and then working on Year Two common exception words and spelling patterns. Reading is very important and helps children understand texts, gain new vocabulary and use ideas in their writing. The children will do daily guided reading to help them answer questions about texts, extend vocabulary and discuss events/characters and plots within texts. By reading extra at home it enables your child to broaden their vocabulary and become fluent with their reading, whilst also understanding what they are reading.

### Maths

To start off our school year we are focusing on place value. We will look at how to make certain numbers in a variety of ways, look at the value of numbers, read and write numbers in digits and words, partition numbers and find one and ten more than numbers. We will also order numbers from largest to smallest including measure and money amounts and use greater than and less than signs to compare numbers. We will also be looking at the four operations and using both practical and written methods to solve problems. Each day the children will have some Maths problems to solve independently in the morning to embed their learning. Times tables are a big focus and we will be looking at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, trying to learn them by heart and recall them rapidly.

### Further curriculum subjects & Topic

In our Science work this half term we will be learning about materials. We will look at how materials are used in everyday life and the properties of materials. The children will get the opportunity to investigate materials and see if they can be bent, twisted, stretched or squashed. In our History work this half term we will be looking at significant people from the past. We are going to focus on a few explorers from the past and look at where they all fit in chronologically. We will look at how things have changed over the years and what they explored, plus how this has had an impact on the world today. RE will be focused on the religion 'Christianity - God' and the children will learn about the story of creation and how it is important to Christians around the world. PSHE is all about relationships. We will look at all the different people they are linked with, what makes a good friend and how we can deal with any issues that arise.

### Class reminders

PE this half term is taught on Monday and Thursday. They will be doing Games and Gymnastics this half term.  
Homework is given out every Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday.  
Spellings are given out on a Friday and the spelling tests are done on Monday.