

**Welcome back!**

Hello everyone and welcome back to the final half term before the summer. We hope you have had a well-deserved rest after a very busy Summer 1 half term.

English

Our new topic in Summer 1 is Minibeasts! We will be focusing on habitats, plants and a huge part of our writing this half term will be on explanation texts about life cycles. We will even be growing a butterfly from a caterpillar to help the children understand this process and aid them in their writing.

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.

This half term, the children will read 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner, 'Frog and Toad Together' by Arnold Lobel. We will also read a wide selection of other non-fiction books about minibeasts to gain knowledge about them and practise our reading skills.

Maths

This half term, the children will revisit and review areas of learning that need recapping to consolidate their understanding of previously taught topics and to extend children's concepts through problem solving in a variety of contexts.

Science

This half term, the children will become apprentice gardeners. They will build on their prior learning from Year 1, where children identified plants, named their parts, tended a garden and observed seasonal change.

Homework

Remember, you can find out what your weekly homework is on Class Dojo each week. It will be:

- Reading every day or at least three times a week with their reading books or on IXL.
- Maths homework set on IXL on a Friday.

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. For online safeguarding purposes, pupils are not allowed to share devices so charging them is crucial.

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 ☺

Key dates:

- Annual reports to parents: Friday 20th July
- Sports Day: To be confirmed
- Tuesday 22nd July – Break up for summer holidays

You can help by:

- Encourage 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.