



# Year 2

## Half Termly Update

### Summer 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine as much as we did. This half term is set to be a busy one as we get the Year 2 children ready for SATS that will take place in the next half term. If you have any questions about this, please let us know. Just a reminder that these are non-statutory assessments, they are used for us to know how to best support the children. The most important thing for us is that they feel calm, happy and confident in their abilities. Please continue to support them with their reading, homework and Doodlemaths as this will help. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Year 2 Team

#### English

This half term we will be reading a wide range of texts including non-fiction and fiction texts. We have kicked off the term writing about Paddington and soon we will create a new recipe for a tasty sandwich for him. Our other texts will link closely to the history and science topics. We will be reading Gorilla by Anthony Browne and innovating the story so that the children can add their own ideas. The children will continue focusing on sentences structure with a big push on editing and improving their work.

#### Phonics

We are so proud of the progress Year 2 children have made with their phonics. They are all becoming confident, fluent readers. This half term, children will continue with their phonics or guided reading groups which will help them progress with their reading skills. Please encourage book talk at home with your child as this will help them to become fluent readers.

#### Maths

This term children will be learning to choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. They will learn to compare and order, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using  $>$ ,  $<$  and  $=$ . Later, in geometry, they will order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences. Children will be taught to use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise).

## Science

This half term we will be learning about **Dian Fossey and Gorillas**. Dian Fossey was a scientist and conservationist known for undertaking an extensive study of mountain gorilla groups from 1966 – 1985. Dian Fossey set up a foundation to protect mountain gorillas from extinction. The children will discover why animals become endangered around the world and will then become activists by campaigning for endangered species, making posters, as well as masks and models of animals.

## P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Friday morning. Children can come into school in their school PE kit. In P.E. lessons, children will learn to run at fast, medium and slow speeds and how to change speed and direction. The children will also take part in the Daily Mile, this will involve running several laps around the playground to improve the children's fitness, stamina and energy levels.

## Geography

This half term in Geography, the children will be learning all about South America. They will compare life in London to life in Brazil, gaining an understanding of the similarities and differences in culture, climate, and daily routines. As part of their learning, they will also explore the different types of homes found across various regions of South America, discovering how geography and environment influence the way people live.

## RE

In RE, children will discuss the differences between religious and non-religious celebrations and identify some of each. Children will explore Ramadan and make links with Lent. They will discuss Eid-al-Adha and Eid-al-Fitr and how they differ. They will then look at similarities and differences between religious festivals.

## Music

Children will have music lessons on a Tuesday. This half term they will continue to learn the recorder. This should be brought in each week.

## Homework

Please continue to support your children to complete their maths homework, revise their spellings and home reading. Homework books should be handed in on Thursdays and new work is given out on Fridays.