

# Year 2 Newsletter

## April - May 2014

Please ensure that all P.E. kits are kept in school during term time. Also please ensure that your child has their name in their jumper as they will be taking them off during the warmer weather and it can be difficult to sort them out when names are not inside.

### Reading and comprehension

Regular reading at home with your child is very important, even when they are reading fluently. Understanding of the story and reading comprehension are a vital part of reading. Please sign your child's reading record each time you have listened to them read and ask them questions based on what they have read - ie: why do you think the character acted that way? What might happen next? Well done on all of the comprehension work done at home so far, it really does make a big difference in class!

### Mental Maths

- Please continue to practice the 2, 5 and 10 times tables so that you know them off by heart. If you wish to extend your child's learning then you could practice the 3, 4 and 6 times tables. Knowing multiplication facts supports children's division skills they are dividing through grouping.
- Please continue to practice number bonds (adds & takes) to 20 as knowing these will make maths easier!
- Children should be able to know what 1 less/1 more is than any given number up to 100, regular counting forwards and backwards and random testing of this really will benefit their numeracy skills.
- Continue to learn what 10 more/10 less than and number is (and encourage learning what 20, 30, 40 more/less is if your child needs extended in their learning) as this will make maths easier also.
- Partitioning - Children need to be able to state how many Tens or Units are in any given number.
- Finding the difference - the children need to know how many more/less any given number is than another. Eg: How many more is 72 than 33? How many less is 22 than 64 etc.

### Half Term Topics

Science - Variation - The children will become more aware of the huge variety of living things and will be sorting them into groups.

Geography - Going to the Seaside.

History - Pirates.

PE - Games skills.

Art - Animal patterns and drawing a pirate scene.

PSHE - Relationships.

ICT - Finding information.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out every Monday and returned by the following Monday. Part of the children's homework during this half term will be to research and collect pictures to use in class to make an information booklet of their choice. By Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April the children need to have chosen an animal which they will research in class using the internet and library books - please help your child to choose their animal and write down on a piece of paper which animal they have chosen and return to class with their name on.