

## Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1 2017

During this half term our project will be **Towers, Tunnels and Turrets**.

**End of Key Stage One assessments (SATs):** This is an important year for the children in Year 2 as during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, they will be taking national SATs tests. Each day there will be a different focus such as reading comprehension, arithmetic and a maths reasoning paper. These tests will help to inform the teacher's on-going assessments of whether your child has achieved the end of year expectations. The outcomes of these assessments will be shared with you in the end of year school report. It is important that during the week your child gets plenty of fresh air and sleep.

**English:** We will be looking at a range of genres and text types such as recounts, narratives, information books and posters. The children will continue to develop their writing skills through developing research skills, learning to edit their work and learning about different aspects of grammar and using the RWI spelling programme. In addition, we will continue with the weekly reading comprehension, developing their inference and deduction skills. Last half term we encouraged the children to write thinking about the size and position of the letters. This has been very successful and some of the children are producing beautifully neat handwriting.

**Big Maths:** This term our emphasis is on consolidating Learn Its and the 2, 5 and 10 x tables. It would be useful if you could reinforce this by practising at home. In addition, we will be revising and building on the calculation strategies we have used this year, problem solving methods and other maths topics such as measurement, statistics and fractions.

**Topic:** This half term's topic **Towers, Tunnels and Turrets** will involve the children in investigating the structures of castles, bridges and tunnels.

**Science:-** We will be looking at the use of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. In addition we will be investigating materials through the Snap Science programme. We will be teaching the skills of predicting and what makes their investigation a fair test.

**Art/DT:-** We will be making sculptures outside using natural materials as well as designing and constructing castles and trebuchets using recyclable materials.

**P.E** - We have P.E on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child's P.E kit is in school as they will miss out on these important sessions. All earrings and jewellery should be removed and either kept at home on those days or handed to the teacher for safe keeping. All P.E kits should be clearly named and put in a named bag. P.E kits should remain in school and go home for washing when we break up for holidays.

**Home Reading Books** -In Year 2 the children are able to change their books daily at the end of the day. They have a Home-School Reading Record book which should be filled in every time they read with you. Reading with your child is important

**Show and Tell:** Each week we will continue to send a slip home to one child per class to inform you of their show and tell date. Please help them to practise their 'speech' for their chosen object.

**Homework:** Year 2 homework will consist of: Maths Learn Its (every 3 weeks), 6 weekly spellings and Reading Books.

We will continue to set them a task, based on the topic theme. The next task will be sent to you shortly.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation

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