

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term. We would like to thank everyone for their efforts in Year 2 so far and are looking forward to an exciting summer term, where we have lots of fun activities planned.

### English

In **English** we will be learning about the life of William Shakespeare and writing a biography. We will then complete a drama unit focussing on *The Winters Tale*, where the children will hone their acting skills and use this role-play to inspire descriptive writing for characters and settings.

In Guided Reading, our focus is retrieving information from non-fiction texts and exploring a range of poetry.

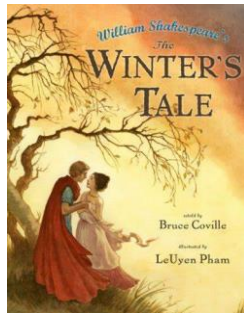
### Maths

**Fractions**– We will continue to develop and secure our understanding of fractions as “an equal part of a whole” so that we can fully understand  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

**Measurement** – We will continue to explore measurement including time learning o'clock and half/quarter past and to the hour.

### Art

In **Art**, we will research Edward Saidi Tingatinga, who is a famous African artist. We will then create our own Tingatinga paintings, using his style and inspiration.



### Science 'Plants'

In **Science** we will be continuing our study of plants. We will recap on what plants need to grow and consider the role plants play in our lives including growing plants for food and agriculture and plant products in the home. We will also recap on Year 1 learning to identify common trees in the local environment.

### History

In **History**, we will be exploring our local history including some significant figures from our local area, focusing on sportspeople. We will learn about some of our local heroes and their achievements at the London 2012 Olympics.

### PE/PSHE

**P.E** will focus on invasion games.

**PSHE** will focus on keeping safe and managing risk. Children will learn how to keep safe both in their home and outside of the home.

### Computing

Children will learn how to make their own music using Chrome Lab. They will explore different types of music and consider how the music makes them feel, before composing their own piece of music on the iPads.

### Our Place in 'Our' World.

We will celebrate Earth Day by creating a pledge, promising to look after our planet.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In **Science**, children will look at plants and the conditions these needs to grow. We will hold class discussions and debates about farming and food production around the world.

### Healthy and Happy Living

In **PSHE** children will recap their learning from earlier in the year about how to cross the road safely. They will also learn about managing risk.

### Inquisitive Investigators

As **Inquisitive Investigators**, the children will carry out investigations into the perfect conditions for plants to grow and record the results. Children will then make generalisations to find what plants need.

### Important information for children in school:

- Our PE lessons will take place every Thursday and **children should come to school in their PE kits**. This must include a white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and sensible trainers that they can exercise in. Children may wear a hoody or fleece if the weather is cold, but this should be plain and unbranded.
- Please bring your **childs book bag to school every day** so that we can read with children daily. Completed books will be changed on Wednesday and Thursday, ready to be sent home on Friday. **Any time you read with your child, please record it on the Boom Read App**
- **Spelling tests and Times Table Rock Stars awards will be on a Friday**, if you have given photographic consent pictures of those who are awarded a certificate will be posted to Facebook.
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk, if this has been paid for. Children should bring a named water bottle which can be stored in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Atherton, Mr Bramhall and Mr Gabbitas