

This week we have loved welcoming the children back to school and into Year 2. We have concentrated on ensuring that the children are settled into their new routines and got to know their peers and new teachers well. It gives us great pleasure to report that the children have embraced the changes and loved being part of their new classes!

English: In English, this half term we will be planning our lessons around a high quality text, this will allow the children to gain an in depth understanding of the story, its characters and the plot. English lessons will contain a mixture of drama, role play and debates and the children will get the opportunity to write for a range of purposes including letters, descriptions and diary entries. Alongside daily English lessons there will also be discrete daily phonics and grammar lessons to support the children further with their writing.

Maths: In Maths, the children will be starting with number understanding and place value to ensure that the children all have a solid understanding of this before moving on. Many of the areas covered in maths will be revisited at various points throughout the year and their will be weekly homework to reflect what the children have been learning in school. Maths lessons will provide the children with the opportunity to work independently, in pairs with a peer and in small groups and we also aim to give the children as many practical and outdoor learning opportunities as possible.

Key information:

- **Library-** The children will visit the library every Friday and this will be their opportunity to change their library, phonics and Accelerated Reader books.
- **PE-** The children will do PE on a Monday and a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that PE kits stay in school for the entire half term and remove earrings on these days.

Reminders:

- Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's full name and class, if this is done in pen please check regularly that this has not worn off.
- We encourage children to bring in named water bottles every day.
- Please ensure that children have either sun cream or coats with them in school each day depending on the weather.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and thank you all for your support in getting the children back to school safely.

- Miss Wiggins and Miss Sperrin