

## Half Term Curriculum Plan and Home-learning letter



Year 2

Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> half term: June 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. Can you believe that the final half term is upon us already... and it looks set to be a busy 7 weeks ahead!

As well as consolidating previous maths units, this half term we will be working on the following areas: number patterns, word puzzles and problems, 2D and 3D shapes, non-unit fractions and telling time to quarter hour or to 5 minutes.

In English this half term, we will begin by looking at the famous Roald Dahl book, 'The Enormous Crocodile'. The children will be writing book reviews, playing around with vocabulary, creating character profiles and writing from the perspective of different characters. We will then move on to explore a thought provoking text entitled, 'The Journey Home' by Frann Preston-Gannon. The children will be making links to their geography work and carrying out research on animals from around the world. They will use this research to create information fact sheets and then develop their thinking further through poetry or letter writing. In addition to this, we will be continuing to practise our cursive handwriting, spelling, grammar and reading on a weekly basis.

In our topic lessons we will be exploring the world and thinking about where different people come from, developing our geographical vocabulary and map skills. In our science, we will be moving on from plants and begin looking at creatures and their habitats. To enhance this topic, an exciting school trip has been planned to Affinity Water, where the children will search for mini-beasts, look at food chains and take part in some pond dipping. Letters with more information to follow shortly.

In PE we will be working on our team work and cooperation skills, in preparation for Sports Day, as well as continuing with our weekly coached PE sessions. (Weather permitting), we look forward to seeing you at Sports Day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### Additional notes:

The weather is still quite fickle at present so please ensure children are wearing (or bring) suitable clothing; this should include a waterproof coat for playtimes and a sunhat. Please ensure children have full PE kits in school every day. The children should continue to bring in **water bottles** (just water – no juice please) and if sun cream should be necessary then please apply this before school.

### Home learning for this half term is as follows:

- Home-Learning folders will continue to be sent home on Fridays and are to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Please ensure children complete all home-learning tasks set. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Wednesdays; your support with spelling revision is much appreciated.
- The children are making good progress in their reading; please continue to support this by encouraging your child to read on a daily basis. Discussing the books with your child is an excellent way to support and develop comprehension skills.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 2 team ☺

J Harris