



Year 2



Summer term Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back. Time has truly flown by this year and we can hardly believe we're welcoming you back to our final term together in Year 2. The Summer Term is a great time of year. We get to see the children's learning all come together as we prepare them for their move into Key Stage 2.

Through our **history** topic this term we are looking at how seaside holidays and seaside towns have changed over the past 100 years. While in **geography** we are looking at what it's like to live near the sea.

In **maths** we'll continue to develop our understanding of fractions, become more accurate at measuring time and space, and sum up our understanding of the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

This term, we will be starting to practise our times tables each week on a **Monday afternoon**. The children will work through a list of calculations, beginning with multiplication then division then a mixture of the two. These will be in a random order. All children will start on the 10 x table and work through the 2, 5 and 3 x tables. Children will work at their own pace and there is no competitive element to this – we just want to give them an opportunity to practise and learn their times tables to support their learning and their transition into Key Stage 2.

In **science** we are looking at classifying plants, learning about how and where they grow and how they reproduce and disperse their seeds.

Accelerated reader books need to be in school **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. All **RWinc** books will continue to be **changed on a Monday** – so please have your folders in for that day.

Mrs Steer will continue to introduce new **spelling** patterns on a **Friday** and spelling lists will be sent home each week for the children to practise at home. Please remember, as with all homework, 'little and often' has the biggest impact, especially on retention of spellings. These spellings are always on Seesaw and activities to be completed are in the yellow homework books. Please make sure these books are returned each **Friday**.

Our regular **PE** days for this term will continue to be **Wednesday and Thursday**. Pupils are asked to have their PE kit in school on the appropriate days. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed or covered with micro-pore or similar on PE days. Any earrings that are not covered will need to be removed by your child for a PE lesson.

It is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. Please make sure your child's bottle is clearly **labelled**. They will be reminded to take their bottle home every night for washing and refilling.

We will continue to communicate with you through Seesaw. This may be telling you about what we've been doing in class, announcements, homework etc. It's also great to hear about the children's interests and achievements out of school too.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through our contact email address (contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) or you could leave a note on Seesaw.

Mrs Steer, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bebbington