

Hello and welcome back after the summer holidays!

As we start the new term I want to reassure you that your child's happiness, attainment and achievement is my upmost priority and I look forward to working with you on making sure your child is happy, settled and learning!

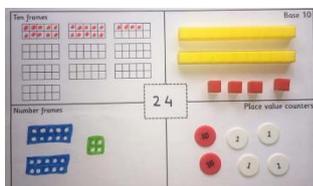
The purpose of this letter is to let you know about the exciting learning that will be taking place in Year 2.

Mathematics

This half term we will be learning and practising skills to enable the children to:

- **Read and understand numbers to 100.**
- **Develop their ability to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.**
- **Consolidate and apply their understanding of number bonds to 10 and 20.**
- **Use the inverse of one operation to check calculations using the other operation.**
- **Progress to addition and subtraction involving two two-digit numbers, where tens boundary is crossed and regrouping and exchanging is required.**

We use a mixture of practical, skill-based activities to help children practise and rehearse these skills in a fun and engaging way then move on to more formal written techniques. All children will have the opportunity each week to work with adult support, in groups and individually through independent learning challenges related to the weeks teaching.



English

Over this half term the children will be using a book called 'The Beasties' by Jenny Nimmo as a base for our English work. I want to support the children in developing a positive attitude to writing using different sentence forms, securing the use of full stops and capital letters, using past tense in narrative writing and proof reading and evaluating their own work.

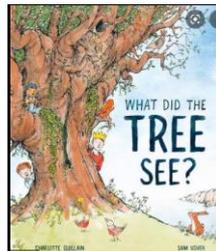
Whole Class Reading sessions will take place each day. During these sessions, there will be a mix of reading aloud, discussing parts of the text and activities based around the text. All this will help the children become fluent, confident readers with a deep level of understanding.

The children will continue to bring home a reading book each day, and I ask that when the book is completed you sign the reading record and make any relevant comments. Daily reading at home and at school helps children to make steady and sustained progress. If you could please make sure that your child has their reading book in school every day as even when they are not ready to exchange it we do try to listen to readers as much as possible, especially when we have extra helpers in the class.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'The Place I live' and I have found a beautiful book to start us off called 'What Did the Tree See?' This is a beautiful story which links perfectly into our new topic. I wonder what the trees in Worsthorne have seen in years gone by? We will be studying our local area in History, Geography and Art.

In History, we will be exploring the changes that have happened in school and the local area. We will be looking at the playground and games that children used to play in the past. In Geography, we will be using maps on a range of scales and looking at how we could improve our local area. Part of our studies will concentrate on how our local 'Friends of Worsthorne and Hurstwood' group fund raised to improve the park next to our school. We are so lucky to have such wonderful role models. In Art, we will be using printing to create a picture of a place in the school grounds.



Home Learning

The main home learning for your child is reading. Please try and read with your child daily- just 10 minutes a day can make a world of a difference. Reading books will be changed on a Monday but please make sure books are in school every day as I do try and make it a priority for the children to read to an adult as much as possible. We will be having some volunteers come into class to help with readers, so they'll be lots of opportunities for extra reading.

I will be sending a spelling list home each Monday for the children to practise. On a Friday the children will have a quick spell check and any spellings they struggle with will be sent home again to look at over the weekend.

Finally, please continue to work through Numbots and I will be introducing the TT rock stars challenges during the second half of Autumn term.



Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words					
Year 1			Year 2		
the	they	one	deer	gold	plant
a	he	once	floor	hold	path
do	me	ask	poor	told	bath
to	me	friend	because	every	hour
today	she	school	find	great	move
of	we	quit	kind	break	grove
said	no	quilt	mind	break	grove
says	go	quilt	behind	pretty	improve
are	so	full	child	beautiful	sure
were	by	house	children	after	sugar
is	my	our	wild	fast	eye
his	here		climb	lead	parents
has	there		most	past	Christmas
I	where		only	father	should
you	love		both	class	everybody
your	come		old	grass	would
	some		cold	pass	any
					many



PE

Our PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday**. We have to follow Health and Safety regulations which states that all jewellery must be removed. Please can you ensure that your child does not wear items to school like earrings, necklaces and bracelets. If they do, then children will be asked to remove these and store them in their red bags. Studs must not be worn for PE so also please remove these on PE days.

Independence

To encourage more independence, children are in charge of handing any letters/ reply slips etc. from their red bags. Please ensure that your child knows if there is something to hand in from their bag each morning. I remind the children as they enter the classroom to check their red bags so together we can hopefully ensure everything is handed in and the children take more responsibility for their belongings. I am sure it will become second nature in a few weeks for them to check their bags but for the time being I will be giving out lots of reminders and probably sound like a broken record!

Water

Please send your child in with a water bottle each day. Children have access to these throughout the day and we encourage them to drink as much as possible. Please note that only water is allowed in class in their bottles and I would really appreciate your cooperation in this. If you have an exceptional circumstance regarding this, please contact me via email to discuss.

Adults

On Monday to Thursday Miss Brocklesby will be working in class and on a Friday, Mrs. Wells will be in. Mrs Wells will also look after the children over lunchtime. Miss Brocklesby and Mrs Skaife will take the class on a Tuesday afternoon and on a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Hobley will teach science and PE. We will also have volunteer helpers and students working in class at different times throughout the year.

It can sometimes be a bit of a challenge coming into year 2 and becoming more independent but I can assure you that no one will 'get into trouble' for forgetting anything and we will support your child in the transition as much as we can. If you have any worries or concerns, you are always welcome to contact me at the beginning or end of the day. My email address is c.noon@worsthorne.lancs.sch.uk and I will always try and get back to you as soon as possible.

Here is to an exciting and interesting first half term!
Yours sincerely,

Mrs Noon.



