



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Please find below the updated curriculum overview for this half term. Please refer to the topic web for further details.

Subject	Main learning
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual and group reading - concentrating on comprehension• Grammar focus on word types and conjunctions• Writing genres to include: non-fiction, poetry and story recounts
Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly spellings• Focus on Year 2 common exception words
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and division• Developing mental arithmetic strategies to solve calculations• Place value and bar models
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying materials and their properties• Recycling• Developing scientific vocabulary
Creative Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Map work• Identifying different polar regions• Seasons and different weather

Reading

Individual reading: Please encourage your child to read daily at home. We also ask that they discuss what they have read as this help with comprehension skills. Please record their independent reading in their reading record book regularly.

Reading Comprehension

We have regular reading comprehension sessions which enable us to cover whole class reading developing inference and prediction skills. These sessions are a key way in which we assess children's reading and oral comprehension.

PE

Please see below for a reminder of the class PE days. Please can you ensure your child comes to school in correct PE kit suitable (navy blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings) for outdoor lessons.

2A have PE on Monday and Friday

2B have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday

2C have PE on Monday and Wednesday

Homework

The children are given two pieces of homework each week in addition to daily reading. These are set on a Thursday and are to be handed in on Monday. Please remember to revise high frequency words, number bonds and 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Spelling Shed

Please continue to encourage the children to practise their spellings online with Spelling Shed. Words change weekly on Thursdays.

Times Table Rock Stars

Shortly your child will be given a password to log into Times Table Rock Stars. This provides an opportunity for them to practise their times tables at home.



Communication

Please continue to use the Communication Book to promote home-school links.

General reminders

Name labels

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled including their water bottle, P.E. kit, uniform and bags.

Healthy snacks for break time

Your child will still be provided with a piece of fruit daily. If they would like to bring an additional snack, please ensure that it is **healthy and does not contain nuts**. **No crisps, biscuits or chocolate please.**

Donations

Any donations of tissues, whiteboard pens, glue sticks would be gratefully received.

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you give to your child. We hope that all this information enables you to continue to be involved in their learning. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mr Nicholson, Ms Zealey, Mrs Newell, Mrs Sharief and Mrs Qadir