

# Welcome to Year 2!

**Welcome back to school, we hope you had a great summer holiday!**

## Topic

Our first topic this year will be all about the Rainforest! We will be finding out where the rainforests are located in the world, what the climate is like and which animals live there. This will link to our science topic about animals and their habitats where we will learn how animals are adapted to their environment. Within this topic we will also learn about the people who live in this area of the world and look at their way of life compared to us here in the UK. We will have the challenge of designing and making a vehicle that would be suitable to use in the rainforest. We are looking forward to our trip to Doncaster Forest School which will reinforce our learning on this topic.

## Maths

This half term we will focus on our number and place value skills. Children will learn to recognise 2 digit numbers and order and compare numbers. We will also learn to count in steps of 2,3, 5 and 10 from any number. It would be helpful for the children to practise this at home to consolidate their learning. We are also going to look at addition and subtraction which will include using different equipment to aid learning. We will also look at using a written method to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. We will then apply our skills to other areas of maths such as measure and statistics.

## Writing

In writing, we will be focusing on sentence structure. We will learn what makes an interesting sentence and how to improve it using adjectives and conjunctions such as because, so and but. We will research all about rainforest animals and present our findings in a report. In addition, we will look at a number of different texts that link to our rainforests topic.

## Spellings

Every two weeks we will be sending home key words for your child to practise. These words are words that your child will be expected to know by the end of year two so we would be grateful if you could help your child to learn these words and use them in sentences.

## PE

PE will take place on Monday morning each week and this half term will focus on basketball, where the children will learn skills such as throwing, catching and dribbling. They will then learn to apply these skills into a full game. Kit required consists of a plain white or blue t shirt, navy blue or black shorts. PE sessions will take place outdoors weather permitting. Please ensure that all children have their kit in school.

**We are all looking forward to an exciting first half term in Year 2!**