

Year 2

Year 2 have settled into their new classes exceptionally well and we are enjoying getting to know all of their personalities and characters. Our first Big Idea of the year is 'Bears around the world', inspired by our book study book 'The Rainbow Bear' (by Michael Morpurgo) and the book 'The Bear and the Piano' (by David Litchfield). We have been learning about the different types of bear, where they live, what they eat and how they have adapted to their environments. We have also linked this Big Idea to our English lessons and we are currently planning our own version of 'The Bear and the Piano'. We are looking forward to reading these to our Year 4 reading buddies when we finish them.

Home learning

Our weekly homework will be handed out on a **Friday** and then collected in on a **Wednesday**. We will link our homework to our weekly learning in school and will cover a range of activities including spellings, maths and reading. We will also be checking reading records every **Wednesday**, but please remember to bring these in every day as we will frequently read throughout the week.

Reading

Your child will bring home an independent reading book and this will be of an appropriate challenge and similar to the level of books we read in school guided reading sessions. Please encourage your child to read with you as often as possible and record any reading in their reading record. This helps us to keep an accurate record of their reading progress. In Year 2, we try and encourage them to be as independent as possible and they can change their reading book during the school day or after school.

Times tables

By the end of year 2, children need to be fluent in recalling their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will practise these daily at school but any extra practise at home will help them even further! The children can also log into Number Gym online (username: knavesmire. Password: racecourse) to help them practise their times tables in a fun way. They are familiar with using this website during their weekly computing sessions.

PE

Our PE lessons are on a **Monday afternoon** and a **Wednesday morning**. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit at school so they can participate fully in the lesson. Please make sure that all PE kit is named (including shoes) to prevent any items going missing.

If you have any questions at any point please do not hesitate to come and speak with us after school. Mr Bentley, Miss Smith and Mrs Schofield