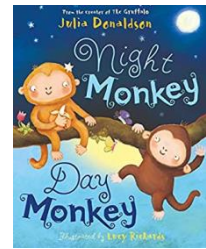


Year 2 September Newsletter

We have loved getting to know your children over the past couple of weeks. We have been really impressed with their resilience and how they have embraced all of the new changes in Year 2.



Big Idea- 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson

Our first Big Idea of the year is a book study. 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson is a story about two Monkeys who live very different lives and they learn to appreciate their differences. Our end goal for this topic is to make puppets based on the characters within the story.

PE

Year 2 have 2 PE sessions a week. These are on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. For the foreseeable future, these lessons are outside so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, for both warm and cold weather. Please ensure that all items of PE are named as we know how they like to go missing!

Reading

Your child will receive a banded book every **Thursday**. These need to be returned to school on the following **Monday** so that they can be 'quarantined'.

Items from home

We know that children love to bring in items from home, especially for show and tell. This is something we also enjoy sharing with the children however due to the current situation, we kindly ask that the children **do not** bring any items from home, into school.

How to help at home

- This year, as a school, we are trialling sending Home Learning out via Google Classroom. When this is available for your child to access, we will let you know and will provide you with a step-by-step guide to help you.
- *Reading*- try to read with your child daily, for 5-10 minutes. This could be using: a school banded book, book from home, magazine or perhaps online stories!
- *Maths*- practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be handing out logins for Numbergym shortly. This is a website where children can practise their times tables.
- *Phonics*- Keep practising their phonic sounds as much as possible as this will help with their reading and writing. In school, we follow the Letters and Sounds programme, which can be found using the link below.

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