

REMINDERS

You can help your child by :

- Reading competition—Year 2 has a reading challenge to encourage your child to read as often as possible. Your child will be given a reading book to read at home and it will be changed when they have completed reading it. **If you hear your child read, please sign their planner.** Please indicate in their planner if the book has been read and write any useful comments about your child's reading. This is really helpful to us!
- Mental Maths—Your child has a specific mental maths challenge for the half term. Please support their learning at home. This term we will be looking at learning multiplication tables, x2,x3,x4,x5,x10.
- Homework—Your child will be given homework in their Homework book every Thursday. It should be returned to school by the following Tuesday. The homework is to be done throughout the week and is intended as an activity for you to share with your child at home. Please spend no more than 20 minutes on the activity.
- Weekly spellings -will be sent home on a Monday for your child. Please encourage them to learn them using the look, say, cover, write, check method. These spellings will be tested the following Monday
- PE—Your child will need their PE kit on a Tuesday and Friday. We will be going outside, weather permitting, so please ensure that your child has trainers and a tracksuit bottom and warm top.
- If you have any spare time to help in class, please do not hesitate to contact me or the office.
Volunteers are always welcome.



Amotherby CP School



2016-2017
Spring Term
Class 2 Year 2

Adults working with your children:

Mrs Spittal

Mrs Egan

Mrs Copley

Miss Davison

**Happy New Year! Thank you for all your
Christmas cards and generous gifts.
I hope you had a lovely Christmas break!**

This term the children will be focusing on: -

MATHS:

- Comparing and ordering numbers from 0 to 1000.
- Using efficient mental and written methods for addition and subtraction.
- Solving real life problems using addition and subtraction, including measure, mass and money.
- Knowing the multiplication and division facts for x2,x5,x10 and then x3,x4 by heart.
- Dividing objects and money using a grouping method.
- Reading the time to the nearest hour, half hour and quarter.

ENGLISH:

- Looking at the features of Traditional Fairy Tales.
- Blending sounds and unfamiliar words when reading.
- Writing non-chronological reports about our topic.
- Learning new spelling patterns and words in phonics.
- Writing in full sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Including different types of punctuation within sentences.
- Letter formation and joining handwriting—practising the 1st,2nd and 3rd joins.

EXCITING THEMES

This term our topic is travel. Before February half term the children will be investigating the United Kingdom; When and why the Union was created; What countries are part of the Union and using the internet to find out information about major cities in the UK. After February half term, the children will be looking at Africa, specifically Kenya and how life in Africa is different to life in the UK. If you have any photographs or resources from Africa, or you have visited and would be willing to share your experience with the children, please let me know.

- The children will have opportunities to draw, paint and make collages and sculptures based around our topic.
- In science we will be learning how heat affects different materials and planning our own investigations.
- As part of our PSHCE topic, the children will be learning the importance of staying fit and healthy. They will also be looking at the effect of different medicines.
- In ICT the children will be learning about coding and how to write a code for a short game.
- All children in year 2 will have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder this year.
- The children will also be looking at Christianity and what we can learn through talking about God.