

*Unlocking the learning...*

**Unlocking the learning at home** – What an exciting final topic for Year Two. We shall be taking our learning outside as the weather improves. Lots to look forward to.

**Get reading** – Reading is such an important part of the curriculum and reading every day does help children practise their fluency. By the end of Year Two all children should be able to read 90 words per minute from a familiar book. Can you do this? Time yourself to check. Ask your class teacher for the types of texts you should be able to read fluently.

**Get exploring** – What can you find out about different animals and their habitats? What do you know about how plants grow? Can you grow any plants in your garden this summer?

**Get creating** – complete one of the home learning heroes to help enrich your understanding of the topic. We have had some amazing home learning projects coming in and it is great to see children sharing their learning at home.

**Please ensure:**

**Your child has their PE kit in school** – it is very important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

*Topic. We will be covering...*

As part of our 'Secret Garden' topic we will be learning about how plants grow, including naming the different parts of a plant. As part of our investigations we will be learning about what plants need to survive and naming different types of plants.

We will study animals in detail, looking at where they live, what their habitats are called and what they need to survive in the wild. We shall study some animals in detail.

We have enjoyed learning new coding skills and will continue to use 'Scratch' to develop sequences and animations. We will also continue to learn about how to keep safe on line.

P.E. will be team games and skills and also athletics that will lead up to our sports day.

*Maths. We will be covering...*

Quick recall of bonds to 100 and the x2, x5 and x10 tables is high on the agenda this year. We hope that you will support your child by practising these at home as often as you can.

We will be looking at finding some equivalent fractions for halves, thirds and quarters of quantities and shapes.

Using place value to support solving operations for the four rules and using this knowledge to find quick ways to solve problems.

We will continue to work on mastering the strategies for solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division sums. In some cases children will be deepening their understanding of numbers with the four rules, if you need support with this please see your class teacher. We will be embedding our formal methods as well as mental calculations.

Will all skills taught there will be a using and applying element to it and children will be completing problems in all areas of maths.

*English. We will be covering...*

English will be centred around the books, 'The Secret Garden' and 'Into the Forest'. This half of term we shall be looking at mastering writing skills and for those who are ready, deepening their learning. We will be writing for a purpose, writing letters, narratives and information. We will be exploring and using a wide range of vocabulary and expanding our descriptions of nouns. Our focus will be using more words that are changed through use of suffixes; for example, -ment, -less, -ful, -ness and -ly. As our writing develops we shall expect to see a range of writing skills being used for example; commas for lists, apostrophes for contraction and possession of a singular noun, questions and exclamative sentences. We shall also be looking for accurate spellings of words including those known as common exception words. (Common exception words were given in packs at the last parents' meeting.) For those children meeting greater depth skills there is an expectation that their handwriting is legible and is joined both with horizontal and diagonal joins consistently.

Thank you supporting your child with the SATs. We are pleased to say that they are now completed and all the children did their best. We are so proud of them now that they have completed their **Secret Agent Training**.