



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have started the term with excitement and quickly settled back into school routines. Hopefully the sunshine will soon make more of a regular appearance! Please remember to send a sun hat with your child and apply sunscreen as the weather gets warmer. We do like to get outside as much as possible.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself – Mrs Eckley-Gardner. The year group email address is [year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk)

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

### Homework

Reading remains our priority for homework. Please listen to your child read regularly and ask them questions about what they have read. It is also important for



children to enjoy sharing a book with you so please take every opportunity to read to them, maybe at bedtime or alternate pages

### **Common Exception Words**

There are a selection of common exception words which children need to learn to read and spell, these can be found on our website or ask your class teacher for a print out.

Class teachers may send out homework specifically for your child, please support your child in completing this. We really do value your support.

### Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring they wear their P.E. uniform to school on their P.E. days.

2EGP – Monday and Wednesday

2E – Monday and Wednesday

2O – Monday and Friday



P.E. may not take place on both of these days but children should be prepared by wearing their P.E. uniform on both of these days.

Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This enables the children to change their books regularly and for us to read any comments you have made in their journals.

### **What are we learning this term?**

We will be exploring the question 'What is it like to be an explorer?' this summer term with the build-up of children becoming 'Explorers' for the day! Our afternoon sessions this term will incorporate our 'Explorer' topic as much as possible and this will be covered in History, Design and Technology, Music and Computing. We will be learning about different explorers and what they discovered.



**English:** The fictional series of 'Emily Brown' will be used as a stimulus for children to learn about becoming an explorer in adventure stories. Using these stories as a starting point they will then write their own adventure stories with Stanley the rabbit! Later on in the term, we will learn about Neil Armstrong, as part of our Explorers unit, and we will write a recount about him.

**Maths:** We will continue to teach the objectives set out in the National Curriculum.

**Science:** We will be looking at 'living things and their habitats' and 'plants' this term.

**P.E:** We will be learning about 'attack, defend and shoot' and continuing with our running on a Monday afternoon! We managed to get up to 5KM last term!

**R.E:** We will be learning about the key question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

**Computing:** We will be continuing to work on work processing skills and looking at how to open, edit and save work. We will also be looking at using computer software purposefully to create digital content.

**Music:** We will be continuing to use instruments to explore pulse, rhythm and beat.

**Arts:** In DT, during the second term, we will be designing our very own explorer vehicle! We will need you to collect recyclable material for this, but don't worry the children will bring home a 'shopping list'!

**PSHE:** Our PSHE unit will focus on 'Caring for the Environment'.

### **Special Events**

We have a very exciting trip planned for this term. We are planning on taking the children to Dan-Yr-Ogof Caves in Wales which links to our topic. The children will become explorers for the day by exploring the caves, finding dinosaur fossils and even gold! It should be a very exciting day.

We are hopeful that you will be able to support us with this trip as due to previous COVID restrictions it will be the only trip the children will be able to attend whilst in year 2. The cost will be higher than previous trips due to bus costs due to the location of the caves. However, it really is such a spectacular day. We will get the cost to you ASAP so that you have plenty of time to save for the payment.

### **Year 2 Team**

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator  
Mrs Hough - SENCO  
Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)  
and Mrs Poyner (every Thursday and Friday)  
Supported by Mrs Williams

2E – Miss Evans  
Supported by Mrs Newman  
(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every other Thursday)

2/30 – Miss Salter  
Supported by Mr. Cole and Miss Davies  
(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every other Wednesday)

Mrs Newton will also support across Year 2 during the afternoons

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) It is very important that all children are present this week
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Platinum Celebrations in school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – HALF TERM</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check - retakes
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	French day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Sports Day – TBC – more information to follow
July – date to be confirmed	Trip to Dan-Yr-Ogof caves
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Parade and Fete – more information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Intra School Competition
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term for children

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)