

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely festive break. What a busy and exciting half term this promises to be! Sending you all a very Happy New Year wish.

We are eager to get started, so here's an overview of what's happening this half term.

Spelling

Overleaf, you'll find our spelling list for this half term. Spelling tests will continue to take place each Friday.

Homework

This term's homework will have a History focus. We'd like the children to create a piece of work related to SPACE. They can complete this in their homework books, or if they prefer, get creative and make something they can share and talk about in class. Monday 9th February is the hand in date. Many thanks in advance and we look forward to seeing their creations.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Now that we are well into our Maths curriculum, we expect all children to complete at least **20 minutes per week** on *Times Tables Rock Stars* as part of their homework. Login details have been stuck inside your child's homework book, and a letter was sent home in Term 1. If you need any further information or support, please don't hesitate to ask.

Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 21st January – Fur and Feathers experience in school
- Monday 9th – Sunday 15th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team

Week 1 words with: oi, oy, ow, ou	Week 2 words with: or, our, aw, au	Week 3 words with: ur, ir, ear, wor	Week 4 words with: u, o, ar, al	Week 5 words with: s, si, w, wh	Week 6 words with: f, ff, ph, gh
boy	fork	turn	unit	sun	fun
coin	storm	burn	unicorn	sit	farm
toy	born	hurt	move	silly	fish
brown	four	bird	prove	simple	funny
cloud	hour	first	far	win	cliff
shout	journey	shirt	car	wash	puff
round	saw	hear	start	what	phone
crown	draw	bear	final	when	photo
soil	pause	word	local	where	enough
favourite	autumn	work	animal	why	cough

Here are some **fun and effective ideas** to help Year 2 children practise their spellings

Look, Cover, Write, Check – Look at the word, say it aloud, cover it, write it, and then check if it's correct. Repeat for tricky words.

Rainbow Writing – Write each word several times using different coloured pencils or pens.

Spelling Bingo – Write spelling words on bingo cards and call them out for your child to cross off

Spelling Snap – Write each word twice on cards and play a game of snap or memory matching

Typing Practice – Encourage typing their spellings on a computer or tablet — it helps with muscle memory and keyboard skills

Build It – Use magnetic letters, Scrabble tiles, or letter blocks to build each word.

Label the House – Stick labels on objects around the house with their correct spellings. Always a good one to put them on the snack drawer and they have to spell a word before they get a snack!

Story Writing – Encourage your child to write short stories or sentences using their spelling words.