



Welcome to Year 2 !

Your children's class teachers are : **Miss Patel, Mrs Patel and Miss El Fassi**

Our **topic** this term will be '**What is life?**'. The children will be learning new skills, such as learning about the differences in life cycles of insects, birds and humans. We also will be learning about the qualities of living and non-living things.

In **English** we will be learning about stories with familiar settings. It would be great if you could encourage your child to visit Wealdstone Library and borrow story books which feature animals, plants, mythical creatures etc. as their focus. Sharing them with your child will add to their enjoyment and help improve their reading skills. We will also be investigating patterns in poetry.

In **Maths** we will be learning about number and the number system. Children will be learning about different sequences and place value of different numbers. They will also be learning how to solve addition and subtraction problems (please refer to the school calculation policy to help your child improve).

In the second part of Autumn term, the Year 2 children will be sitting a phonics screening check to assess their phonic decoding skills. We will continue to teach phonics daily and provide children phonics Home Learning.

This is a very important year, as your children will be taking **SATs** (Standard Assessment Tests for seven year olds). Their knowledge and skills in reading and maths will, be continuously built on and assessed throughout the year.

Home learning will be set on **Friday** and be expected back on **Tuesday**. Please encourage and help your child to complete their Home Learning tasks. Every **week** your child will have a spelling test based on the previous week's home learning spellings please practise with your child daily: **LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK!**

Ensure your child comes to school on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** dressed in their PE kits, ready to enjoy their PE lessons for the week. This will allow your children to progress in their skills and teamwork

It would really help your child's progress if you were able to:

- Listen to your child read daily, and discuss the characters' actions, the settings of the story and ask him / her questions about what is happening or may happen next in the story. Remember to sign the reading record book.
- Help your child to complete their home learning tasks each week to the best of their ability.
- Talk to your child about what he/she has enjoyed and learned that day.
- Ensure your child has plenty of sleep and a nutritious breakfast, ready for their brains to engage in superb learning!
- Help your child to practise the words in your child's spelling list, ready for their weekly spelling test!

If you would like to contact any of the Year 2 teachers please email us on:

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Thank you for your support!

Year 2 Team.