Year 2 Information

Help that can be given at home

• Reading daily – this can be a book from school or home. Please record each read in your child's reading record so we can track and celebrate those who are reading at home. Please try and read at least 3 times a week.

- Practicing the weekly spellings at home.
- Practicing number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Counting in 2's,5's and 10's.
- Writing for a purpose e.g. lists, captions, labels.

PE days

Tuesday – PM
Wednesday - AM

Useful websites

www.ictgames.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

http://www.ictgames.com/forestPhonics/fullV_public/index.html

Knowledge Organiser

Please find attached the new knowledge organiser for this topic. This highlights key learning in this topic, which is science based. This lays out the learning and knowledge we would like the children to acquire this half term through the teaching and activities that will be happening in class.

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What keeps animals and people going?

Real life experiences:
'Pet Day' – children bring in a photo of their pets from home to share with the class.

Maths:
Numbers 10 to 100.
Calculations within 20.

Science: New Life
During this topic, we will look at young animals, growing up, animal life cycles, changes in animal life cycles and the basic needs of animals.

Rationale for learning:
We are going to be finding out what animals and people need to survive. We will explore what defines something living. We will also be looking at animals and their offspring and will think about how they change as they grow up.

English:
Writing: Writing for different purposes, including biographies and creative writing.
Using creative language, such as adjectives to enhance our writing.

Reading: Developing a love of reading by listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction.

Key Texts:
Honestly Red Riding Hood was Rotten.

Life Skills:
Feeling happy and sad.

Design Technology:
Using lever and slider mechanisms in moving cards.

Music: The Carnival of the animals
Explore how the composer has used instruments, rhythm, articulation, tempo, and pitch to create pictures of the animals in our imagination.

Art:
Drawing: Understanding tone and texture through looking at portraits..

RE:
The Bible: what does it say about God's promises?

Computing: Creating pictures
Using dots, lines, colours and patterns to create different impressions with digital art tools.

PE: Invasion games
Developing understanding of the principles of defending and attacking and the key skills used in invasion games.