



*As the roots spread so the tree grows*

Welcome to 2018. Happy New Year!

We trust you have had a fun-filled break and are ready for the beginning of an exciting term in school.

**Home reading books** - listening to your child read is an essential part of their homework. Just ten minutes every day will be of great benefit to them. Please ensure you write a short comment in their yellow reading record book.

**Spellings** - these will continue to be sent out on a weekly basis. We suggest your child spends a short amount of time each day practising how to write them. They can even have a go at writing them in a sentence. You could even rehearse them on the way to school in the morning!

**Comprehension/maths homework** - the children will also be given a weekly comprehension and maths task to suit their ability. We would be grateful if you could check that they complete these and give them any help that they need. Maths homework will be sent home on Fridays.

**Sharing presentations** - as part of speaking and listening in English, we will be expecting all children to learn and recite a poem or rhyme. Our focus will be on the children's use of expression and ways to interest an audience. They can bring in picture prompts if they wish. Children will be expected to explain their choice. This forms part of the children's homework.

There will be a notice in your child's cloakroom to inform you when it is your child's turn.

**P.E.** - Our PE days have changed!!

2DW and 2AP will be on Thursday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

2VA will be on Tuesday mornings and Monday afternoons.

It is important that children have a full P.E. kit which includes plimsolls/trainers that fit and a track suit for outdoor games. Please note that although we do have Alwyn P.E. t-shirts available, children are allowed to wear any sensible sport shorts and t-shirts.

Please do check your child's P.E. kit is named.

**Water bottles** - please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day and filtered water is available should a refill be necessary.

**Helping out** - we have already had several parents/carers volunteering their time to come in and work with the children. This is really beneficial for all the children and we thank you for

offers of help. In Year 2 we have English activities in the morning from 9.00am - 9.30am and would appreciate adult help during this time to hear children read. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help.

**Communication** - our door is always open and we look forward to continue working in partnership with you. As you may appreciate it can be tricky to discuss issues with you at the beginning of the day, however things are more flexible at the end of the day and short meetings after school can be arranged if necessary. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher should you have any queries.

In order for you to hear about all the different things we do in school, we will send out text messages and letters and there will be notifications updated on the class notice boards. Also, remember to check the school website.

Best wishes

The Year 2 Teaching Team