

# Where the Wild Things Are

## Year 2, Term 1



Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all had a great summer and that you feel rested and raring to go in this new and exciting term! The two classes in Year 2 are called Rabbit Class (Miss Bowyer is your class teacher) and Woodpecker Class (Miss Brown [Monday] and Mrs Daniels [Tuesday - Friday] are your class teachers). We also have additional support in the classroom from Mrs Marsh, Mrs Owen, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Kielb and Mrs Creed.



### Weekly Routines

**Daily** – We will ask the children to bring their reading books and learning logs daily. If your child uses a rucksack, please provide a separate flat folder to protect books and enable easy access from the locker.

**Mondays** – Spellings will be checked each Monday, so please ensure your child brings his/her booklet in **every** Monday morning. If your child is ready to be tested, please sign and date the back page.

### PE

PE will take place on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. As we go into the Autumn, please make sure your child has a pair of warm trousers for PE as well as shorts, a PE jumper and a short sleeved top. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up.

### Morning Starters

From 8.40am, the children will be involved in short activities to practise key Maths and English skills, so they need to be in school as promptly as possible.

### Snack

Don't forget that your child does not need to bring in a snack as we will be providing a piece of fruit or vegetable each morning.



Our topic this term focuses on habitats around the world and the flora and fauna that live in them. Science, Geography and English will be the main topic drivers as we will learn about the diet, habitats and life cycles of various mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. The topic will be cross-curricular and will also involve art skills (collage and colour mixing) as well as Dance and Music ('The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint Saens).

### Supporting your child at home this year

You can play a significant part in your child's learning by supporting them at home. There are three areas where we particularly need your help:

- **Please aim to read every day with your child at home.** Research has shown that when children read extensively, they become better writers. Reading a variety of genres helps children learn text structures and language that they can then transfer to their own writing. In addition, reading provides children with prior knowledge that they can use in their stories.
- **Please help your child learn their spellings.** The children will continue to learn spellings as part of the whole school spelling system and will bring home a booklet. Your child will need support learning and embedding these spellings so they are committed to long-term memory.
- A good recall of number facts and fluency in mental skills will give your child confidence with Maths. **Please support your child to add 2 numbers below 10**, for example by playing games with dice. Later in Term 2, the children will start our school times tables system, at which point we will send you more information about the progression of skills.

### Parental Help

We will be grateful for assistance with reading and spelling testing this term. If you are able to give up any of your time to help in class, please contact your child's class teacher(s).

### Dates for the Diary:

- Year 2 English/Maths meeting for parents - 18/9/18
- Parent Consultations - 16/10/2018 and 18/10/2018
- Open Afternoon – 26/9/18



If you would like to contact any of the Year 2 teachers, please either send a note in the morning, see us at the end of the day or e-mail [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk). We are really looking forward to getting to know your children and it's going to be an exciting, fun-filled and busy year ahead. Thank you for your continued help and support.  
Miss Bowyer, Mrs Daniels and Miss Brown

