



After such a topsy-turvy end to the year, we are all super excited to be back at school and starting our year 2 adventure together. Let's hope Y2 will finally have their first ever whole year in school- we promise to make it a good one!

To kick start our topic, we arrived one morning in our classroom to find someone had been up to mischief; tables were turned upside down; banana skins had been thrown on the floor and boxes of toys were knocked over. You guessed it... it was a cheeky orang-utan!

## There's an orang-utan in my classroom!

Year 2 Term 1 2021

### Weekly Routines

#### Reading Books

Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day. Your child will receive two reading books a week and these will be changed every Thursday.

#### Spellings

Children will be given spellings linked to their learning in school. Spelling tests will take place on **Tuesday** followed by new spellings being handed out. Please adopt a little and often approach and practise them for 10 minutes each day.

#### Snack/Water bottles

As in Year 1, we will be providing a piece of fruit or vegetable each morning for snack so your child does not need to bring one in from home. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

#### PE

PE will be every **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

### English

**Writing-** In English we will be writing non-fiction texts about orangutans, focusing on applying full stops and capital letters consistently. We will be learning about expanded noun phrases and using them to write a wanted poster in the hope that we will find that cheeky orangutan. Finally, we will be learning about command sentences and using them to write instructions.

**Reading-** We will be focusing on developing our fluency and finding information from the text to answer questions. This term, our reading sessions will be in the form of group reading and individual reading.

**Science-** We will be learning about living and non-living things, habitats and food chains.

**Design Technology-** We will be making a moving picture by using different types of mechanisms.

**Geography-** We will be locating the World's seven continents and five oceans (get those globes and maps out at home!).

**PSHEE-** We will be learning about being me in my World. This will include helping to make our class a safe and fair place to learn where we feel a sense of belonging. We will also be thinking about our hopes for the year and knowing who we can go to if we have a worry.

**Art-** Art will be taught by our specialist art teacher, Mrs Creed, with a focus this term on illustration.

**RE-** We will be learning about Islam and discussing the question- Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in everyday life?

**Computing -** We will be learning how to take videos.

### Maths

In maths, we will be looking at place value to 100 and calculations within 20. Alongside our maths lessons, we will have additional daily sessions focusing on knowing our number bonds fluently.

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October-** individual photos  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** Parents Consultations  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October-** Endangered Animal Day  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** end of term  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** INSET Day

We look forward to getting to know you all. Please remember, if you would like to contact any of the Year 2 Team, please e-mail [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)