

## Year 2 – Term 1 2018

Welcome to Year 2. We are all looking forward to an exciting year. We have lots of interesting activities for the children this term, under our first themes of 'This is Me' and 'We are Britain'.

In mathematics we will continue to build on the children's knowledge and skills.

We will begin by focusing on the place value of digits including hundreds, tens and units. This will also include ordering numbers and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Children will be taught how to use the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. They would benefit from practising counting in steps of 2 and 5 at home in preparation for beginning to learn times tables facts. The children will also be beginning to learn their times tables facts, out of order and at a reasonable speed.

In English, we will be looking at a variety of stories with familiar settings. The children will be describing settings and characters and will write their own story using repetitive structures. They will also explore poems, looking at our senses. Alongside this, the children will consolidate and develop their knowledge of sounds, spelling and grammar rules. The children will also be encouraged to use punctuation more consistently.

***It would help if you could support your child at home by learning their spellings with them.***

In computing, the children will be using a coding program to explore algorithms and create their own simple games.

There will be plenty of opportunity for the children to put their creative skills to good use, as they explore different collage techniques. Beginning with ourselves then moving onto famous landmarks of Great Britain.

### **Summer homework**

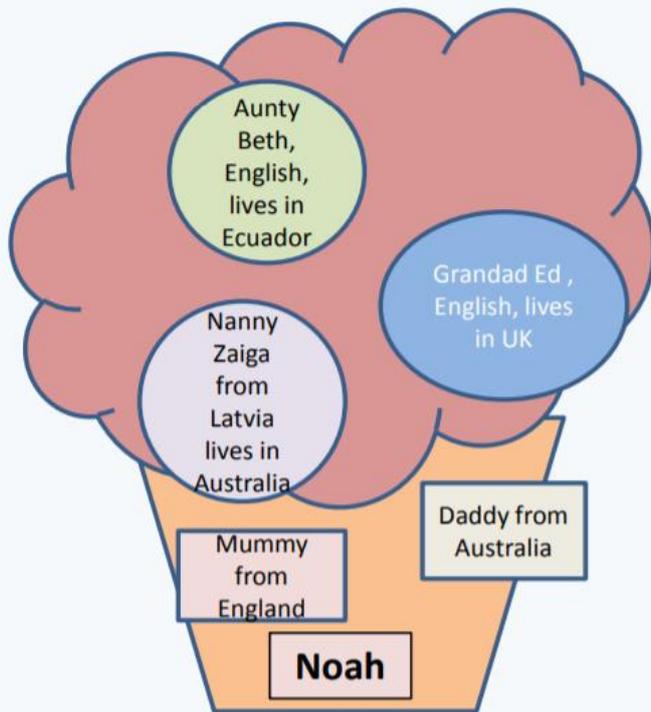
- ***For the first day back, please bring your 'Family Ice Cream' in – see other sheet for the explanation and example. Draw your own style ice-cream!***
- ***For the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September, please send in a copy of a photograph of your child as baby.***
- ***For the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September; to help your child create a personalised collage, please send a collection of images in an envelope for your child to use. These images may be from magazines or photographs from holidays, family or pets etc. For example, if your child likes swimming they may want to include pictures of swimmers, water, armbands etc. These pictures will be cut up to collage so please only send copies rather than originals.***

***Please continue to support your child with reading at home at least five times a week.***

We would be extremely grateful if anyone would like to volunteer to support the children in school. Please see Lisa in the office about a DBS check and speak to your child's class teacher.

Sharon Webb, Sarah McMurdo, Lorna Evans, Donna Kenny, Jack Davies.

**This is Noah's family ice cream.**



**Think of yourself as an ice cream!**

**Write your name at the bottom of the cone, add your parents and/or carers to the cone as well.**

**And add where they come from.**

**Now, add the toppings – any relations who are important to you, who add to your family's 'flavour'!**