# YEAR 2 NEWS

# The UK - Cities

### Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and are ready to start back at school.

Our topic this half term is all about 'The UK.' We will be learning all about where we live and the capital cities in each of the countries that make up the United Kingdom.

#### English

This term we will be exploring the book of 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. This will include us reading the book together, exploring the main characters, creating our own poems and developing our retrieval skills by finding answers to questions in the book.

#### Maths

Within year 2, we will be using the White Rose scheme to support the teaching and learning of math's. We will begin by exploring the place value of numbers up to 100. This will include identifying how many groups of ten are in a number and how many ones are in a number. This will build on from previous learning in year 1.

#### Science

In our science lessons, we will be learning about materials. We will be building on our learning of the names and properties of materials in year 1 by exploring the uses of materials and even recycling some materials too! We will also be looking at the sustainability of some materials.

#### Geography - The UK

In geography the children will be learning the names of capital cities in each of the 4 countries that are in the United Kingdom.

We will be exploring the landmarks of each of these cities.

# Design & Technology

This half term we will be building on our knowledge of fruit and vegetables by learning how to prepare them. We will be peeling, chopping and slicing them and ensuring we can do this safely.

# Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about coding. This includes exploring algorithms (instructions) creating a program and understanding the use of buttons in a program.

We will be reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox'

#### PE

PE is a very important part of the curriculum. Not only do children become healthier, but it also allows them to develop their teamwork skills.

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit for school on their PE days.

## Reading

We will hear your child read every week within class through 1:1 reading with the Teaching Assistant or Teacher and within our guided reading sessions. Children will continue to bring reading books home that match current phonics teaching. Oxford Owl is also a great reading resource which you can access at home using the login details here:

Username: wildbank1 Password: read

#### **Phonics**

Continuing the use of First Class Phonics, children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and bring reading books home that match the current learning.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please ask.