

# Year 2 Newsletter No. 3

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A Happy New Year to you all. We hope you were able to have a good break and that the children are now recharged and ready for some more fun and work.

## Reading

Reading roundabout will continue as usual this term. Please help out as and when you can – your support is really appreciated. We don't get much help and we are missing you ☹

The Reading Challenge is continuing to work well. Thank you for supporting your children in this. Just a daily 10 minute read at home can really make a difference.

## Spellings and Tables

The children will continue to have their regular spellings to learn. They are doing very well and seem to enjoy their **Friday spelling tests!**

We will also be introducing the Times Tables Challenge for all those children for whom it will be appropriate. A separate letter will explain how that works. Please support and help them learn for their weekly **tables tests** which will be on a **Monday morning**. This will support them with work done in school.

## Numeracy

Some things to practise whenever you have 5 minutes

- Counting on or back in 10s and 1s from any given 2 digit number
- Mentally adding a single digit number to a two digit number e.g.  $35 + 6$ , or adding two two-digit numbers if appropriate. e.g.  $26 + 32$

## Topic

This half term our topic is Transport. As part of this the children will be making simple vehicles with moving wheels. We will be asking the children to bring in a small strong cardboard box (about the size of an egg box, but **not an egg box**) for this purpose so please keep an eye out if you have anything suitable. **Please don't send in bags full of boxes.** The children might want to collect bits and pieces such as bottle tops to add to their vehicles as lights etc.

The children have been back in school for a term now and in some cases clothing labels have either worn away or fallen off. To ensure your child keeps hold of their own clothing please ensure you clearly name all items including PE clothing and additionally water bottles. Additionally, PE is on Tuesday and Thursday every week so please ensure they have a PE kit in school. Can you also ensure that warm tracksuit bottoms are packed for P.E now that the weather is colder.