

As **readers** we will continue to work our way through the Little Wandle phonics scheme. Please continue practising the common exception words or high frequency words sent home as spellings in year one each week. The children need to be able to read these by sight to help to build their fluency. In Year Two, we will continue to revise sounds and common exception words which we have previously learnt. We will practise reading and writing words with these sounds. The children's weekly spellings will focus on revised sounds and common exception words.

As **writers** we will continue to focus on our handwriting and improving our stamina for writing whilst working on a new or revised grammar focus each week. We will continue our 'Curious Quests' journey using picture books, with some of them linking to our 'Healthy Me' topic. The picture books we will focus on include Sam Plants a Sunflower, Hello Spring!, Oliver's Fruit Salad, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and more! We will be junk modelling, building and making characters, settings and objects to inspire us with our writing.

As **mathematicians**, in Year One, we will be focusing on extending our place value skills to numbers within 50. This will include looking at one more and one less, greater than and less than along with counting forwards and backwards. We also be learning about length and height, using both standard and non-standard units to measure. Towards the end of the term, we will learn about mass and volume. We will be using the words 'heavier' and 'lighter' to compare objects and use balance scales to check our comparisons.

In Year Two, we will be starting a new unit on multiplication and division. We will learn how to recognise, add and make equal groups by grouping and sharing. We will be introduced to the multiplication symbol and arrays which we will use with the 2, 5- and 10-times tables. We will also build on our knowledge of odd and even numbers and doubling and halving.

To help with your child's learning at home:

- ❖ Play different math games such as snakes and ladders to help with their ability to count on and back. Encourage them to use known facts to solve simple problems e.g. $6+7 = 13$ 'because double 6 is 12 and 7 is one more than 6'
- ❖ Support your year 2 child to pay for something in a shop using cash. This will consolidate our learning about money from last term.
- ❖ Year 2s should continue to work on their KIRFs target which can be found in your child's reading record.
- ❖ Please continue to support your child with learning their spellings. They need to be able to read these words as well as write them.
- ❖ Please read regularly with your child and record this in their reading record



Healthy Me!

Key dates for your diary:

- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Monday 2nd March and Wednesday 4th March - Parents evenings

Our 'Healthy Me' topic focuses on **Design and Technology**. We will have the exciting opportunity to taste test a variety of fruits before designing and making a healthy fruit salad. We will also plan and produce a label for our fruit salad packaging, thinking about how we can make it eye-catching and informative. We will taste our fruit salad and evaluate it, thinking about what we did well and what we would change if we were to do it again.

As **Scientists**, we will be build on our learning from last term about plants. This term, we will be looking at a variety of plants including fruits, vegetables and herbs. To learn about what plants need to grow and to be healthy, we will plan and carry out an investigation and explore how temperature, light and water (or a lack of) can impact plants. We will do this using both seeds and bulbs.

In **PSHE**, we will be learning about how to be healthy. This will include learning about medicine safety, which foods are healthy for us and how to relax our minds and bodies.

In **Computing**, we will expect all children to be able to log on independently by the end of the term. Please continue to practice logging into purple mash at home and encourage your child to practice spelling their full name as this really helps them to log in independently. Year twos will continue to learn about online safety.

In **PE**, we will be working on our fitness skills this term! Year ones will also be continuing with ball skills and building upon what we learned with Mr Murphy in Up and Under last term. Year twos will be doing outdoor learning with Mrs Evans for their second session of the week.

In **French**, Robins will learn words for vehicles and the days of the week through playing games and practising simple phrases.