



Welcome back to Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy's second Autumn term! We hope that you and your family have had a well-rested half term and are looking forward to an exciting time this half term. This term is a very busy term, filled with hard work, excitement and fun and we thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Mrs Bester, Miss Spencer and the Year 2 team

## Street Detectives

This term our topic will be Street Detectives, which involves learning about our local area, it's history and how it is different to places across the world.

As geographers we will be:

- Learning about human and physical features of both our local area and communities across the world.
- Using maps of the local area and learning how to use a compass.

As historians we will be:

- Describing how people, places and events in the local community have changed over time.
- Describing changes to the local area over their own, parents and grandparents lifetime.

As scientists we will be:

- Looking at how materials are suitable or unsuitable for building house and homes.
- Learning about plants and how they are cared for in the local area.

As artists we will be:

- Creating models and sketches of houses in the local area.

## General Reminders

- PE in 2MB takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday. In 2SS, PE is on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child's school PE kit is returned to school and stays in school for the term.
- Please ensure your child brings their book bag with reading book to school every day.
- Remember children need to be in school at 8.45 for lessons to begin and home time is 3.05.

## Reading in Year 2

Thank you to all of those parents who are regularly reading with their children. Reading at home regularly makes a huge difference to your child's progress.

We recommend that children in Year 2 read at home every day for 15 minutes. In school, we read with groups daily and individual children at least once a week. Last half term Year 2 had some of the lowest scores for reading at home in the whole school. Please support us to be top of the school and help your child to win a home-reading band every week.

## Homework

Year 2 is a very important year for your children as they will be completing SATs in May. It is therefore crucial that children complete their homework weekly. All homework must be return to school on Friday.

Reading—minimum 3 times per week.

Spellings— These will be sent home on Friday every week and children will be tested on these the following Friday.

Times tables— These are given out every Thursday. Children need to be able to recall their, 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2.

Maths/ English— This will be given out every Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday.

Children are rewarded weekly for high quality home-learning.