#### Mathematics

This term the children will be using their written methods to understand in more depth the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will begin to learn about inverse operations in and understand how to check their methods and the answers using this. During maths warm ups the children will be consolidating their understanding of number bonds to 20 and securing their ability to count forwards, backwards up to and across 100.

Home Learning: Times tables and number bonds to 20. It is important they understand that 2, 4, 6 etc. is  $1\times2$ .  $2\times2$  and so on.

## <u>PE</u>

This term we are focusing on team work and playing games that involve this such as: tag rugby and bench ball. The children will also take part in gymnastic routines to develop balance and coordination.

# <u>English</u>

In English this term the children will be looking at 'Flat Stanley.' Within this interesting topic that also looks at all the countries and places he visits, the children will be writing formal letters and getting creative, imagining their own Stanley adventure.

This term there will be an emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar each week, and the children will be doing work to support this looking at using apostrophes, suffixes and focusing on their high frequency words for spellings.

Home Learning: To read at home regularly, answering questions on the story and predicting what may happen next. This will support their comprehension and the work taking place in class. Continue to practise cursive writing.

### RE

This term the children are learning about the story of Jesus's birth. We will discuss how Christians learn about Jesus's life through the Bible. We will also think about what we can be thankful for at Christmas.

# Year 2 Term 2

Changes
Animals including humans

The skills we are learning this term are... patience and understanding.

# <u>Science</u>

This term the children will be focusing on healthy bodies. This involves looking at what they eat, exercise and also hygiene. We will look at how often they wash their hands and the best way to do this to stop germs spreading. We will draw our own healthy lunchboxes in class and decide on food that is for 'anytime' or 'sometime.'

Home Learning: Encourage children to think about exercise and why it is necessary. If they wish to choose a topic to talk to the class about in teacher 2 time this could be an area they focus on.

## SPaG and phonics

Children will continue to use phonics during each English lesson, occasionally completing the speed sounds but mainly using these in fun activities that still require them to use the phonics knowledge they have for decoding words and to support their spelling. We will have lots of focus on SPaG as mentioned in the English section.

#### Music

This term in music the children will be learning to play Christmas songs using the glockenspiel. They will also be introduced to reading and understanding musical notes.

### **Topic**

We are continuing to look at 'changes' with a focus on history and important people through time. Our lessons will look at remembrance Sunday and why we wear poppies, Guy Fawkes and his impact on 5<sup>th</sup> November. We will then move onto significant individuals such as Florence Nightingale and Queen Victoria. This will give them more of an insight into the Victorian day they experienced in term 1 and build on this knowledge.

### SMSC

Over Christmas, rather than receiving chocolate in the class advent calendar, we will focus on the giving aspect of Christmas: every door will give a 'kindness task' for each child to complete.

#### **Nativity**

There will be weekly practices this term at various points in the week that will impact on PE time. The children will get another session on a different day so please have their PE kits in on each day.