



# GET MOVING in Year 2

In July we sent you our 'Get Set' plans to support you in knowing the skills children should have ready for the new school year following the period of school closures. We have now worked with the children in school and started to unpick some of the areas the children are less secure with. Below is what we know about the year group as a whole. Some pupils will be further ahead, but all pupils will benefit from the strategies we are putting in place. Please support your child with our suggestions for ideas at home.

<b>Reading</b>		
<b>What have we found?</b>	<b>In school we are...</b>	<b>At home you should...</b>
Children in Year 2 enjoy reading to an adult and discussing books read to them. Some children have forgotten some of their phonics sounds which they learnt last year.	In school we are sharing books and reading with the children regularly. We will be introducing some incentives to help support the children develop their fluency, understanding and love of reading.	It is essential in Year 2 to listen to your child read daily and to share a story at bedtime. They gain so much from having your attention and answering questions you pose. Please see our attached leaflet for guidance.

<b>Writing</b>		
<b>What have we found?</b>	<b>In school we are...</b>	<b>At home you should...</b>
Most children enjoy sharing their writing. Some pupils have found using their phonics skills to support spelling tricky. We have also found that sentence punctuation is an area to develop - particularly remembering capital letters.	We are providing children with additional daily phonics to support the children with their spelling. We are looking to build the children's writing stamina back up including the use of correct punctuation.	Find opportunities to encourage your child to write such as making lists, writing letters and making labels. If they are writing a letter incorrectly, show them the correct way and see if they can copy you. Remind them about using capital letters to start sentences. Watch out for 'b' and 'd' reversals.

<b>Maths</b>		
<b>What have we found?</b>	<b>In school we are...</b>	<b>At home you should...</b>
Our Year 2 children enjoy using resources to explore maths. Some children need reminders about the value of each digit in numbers and they also need further work with having a quick recall of addition and subtraction facts with small numbers.	We have started to review place value with the class and are seeing progress with this. We are also developing the children's ability to quickly recognise the number of dots in patterns by adding small numbers rapidly.	Encourage your children to write numbers and support them with knowing which way around the digits go. Board games and cards games are a great way to get children counting and adding small numbers while having fun.

<b>Wellbeing</b>		
<b>What have we found?</b>	<b>In school we are...</b>	<b>At home you should...</b>
The children have come back remarkably well and are enjoying school. Some children have found it a little challenging to remain settled on tasks after the period away from school. We will continue to monitor this.	It is important for us to maintain clear routines with the children to help them feel safe and secure. Children have regular lessons exploring wellbeing. Next term, as part of PE, children will be working on team building.	Encourage your child to talk about their day and what successes they have had. If you have any concerns regarding your child's overall wellbeing at home, please let your child's teacher know. We are encouraging children to talk to their teacher about any problems at school.