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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to the last half term of spring 2014 in year 2.

### **Main Learning Theme – ‘Alice in Wonderland’**

Next half term we will be learning through the exciting whole school topic of ‘Alice in wonderland world’. Children will undertake role play as significant characters from the story in our very own ‘white rabbit’s house’ but don’t tell your child yet as it’s going to be a surprise for when they return! This theme will be primarily numeracy and art based where children will develop problem solving skills through ‘tea party’ based activities. As well as this, we will enjoy some abstract ‘mad hatter’ inspired abstract painting!

### **Numeracy**

We will be working with the Numeracy framework to secure block D2 (calculating, measuring and understanding shape) and E2 (securing number facts, relationships and calculating). All units will be building on the skills and learning the children have acquired in Year 2 to date. We will continue to deepen children’s understanding of number and practice applying learnt strategies to solve money and real life problems in an attempt to promote children’s independence and confidence with mathematics.

### **Literacy**

We will continue to work with the new Literacy framework, to assist children to develop their understanding of various text types. We will continue to learn through both the Fiction and non-fiction genre through immersion in various texts, extracting new phrases, adventurous vocabulary and punctuation for children to apply in their own independent writing.

Furthermore, we will enjoy developing interpretation, inference and understanding of stories through our exciting theme book ‘Alice in Wonderland’.

### **PE**

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. One of which will be now held on a **Tuesday** morning. We will cover gymnastics next half term. Children will require both **indoor and outdoor** kits and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home.

**Please ensure your child has the proper kit in school with them all week as PE slots are subject to change.**



## **Learning Skills**

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be '**Developing Sense of Self Worth & Understanding of Self and Others**. We will be working towards the following "I Can..." statements

- I can be relaxed and calm for a little while, listening to music or a story, etc.
- I can use simple coping strategies when I encounter a problem.
- I can show interest in those around me and comment on the things I find interesting.
- I can identify simple ways in which I can support others depending upon how they feel, e.g. showing kindness.

## **General**

### **Home Learning**

All children will be given a task in their learning log on a Wednesday which is due in the following **Tuesday** for in class celebration. Your child will be given a question (which may be based on literacy, numeracy or topic) to answer, choosing to present it as they wish.

The class will also be set a half term home learning project which will be linked to their topic theme. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning.

The project for next half term will be '**Alice in Wonderland**.' This could include writing a character profile about Alice, the queen of hearts or indeed their preferred character from the story. A Drawing/painting or creating a scene/prop or character from the book, writing their own exciting version/summary or perhaps their favourite part of the story. The possibilities are endless... it is up to you what you would like to embark upon!

## **Reading**

Please continue to read with your child at home. Children will be given one reading book and one library book at the beginning of the term. **Next term**, children will have the opportunity to change their **library book on Tuesday when we visit our school library and change their reading book on a Thursday**. Please ensure children bring their reading books with them to school **every day** even if they are not finished the book so it is possible for children to read with an adult in school.

## **End of the day**

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main office area.

All of the adults that will be working with Year 2, Mrs Thornburn, Miss Cooper, Miss Odain and myself are looking forward to another exciting and successful half term together!

Kind regards

Miss Mulligan  
Class Teacher

Miss Odain  
HLTA

Mrs Thornburn  
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Miss Cooper  
TA

Mrs Reynolds  
Head Teacher

