Dear parents / guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the half term holidays.

Our new topic this term is 'Grrr!' and it incorporates the subjects of science, English and geography.



English

The children will continue to build on their knowledge of different genres and we will be incorporating previous skills, such as using a range of punctuation, conjunctions, vocabulary choices and expanded noun phrases. As part of our 'Grrr!' topic, the children will be writing animal fact files.



Phonics

The children will continue to learn more words which cannot be phonetically decoded. The spellings have been uploaded on Google Classroom. Please practise spelling these during the course of the half term. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences. If there are still words



from the Autumn and Spring lists your child cannot spell, please practise these too. Please make sure your child has the opportunity to practise these words at home.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child from our online library of books.

Using the Rising Stars online library. Please read daily and remember to read the same book a few times throughout the week to build confidence and fluency. There are fun quizzes to complete at the end of each book and your child can be awarded with different stars. (If you don't get a star the first time, you can complete the quiz again to get the star). Your child's class teacher will look out for regular reading at home and MME for great effort/participation.

Maths

In mathematics the children will be combining and exploring different Maths concepts in a range of different contexts, as well as moving between several operations. We will be setting some Maths home learning on Google Classroom very soon so keep an eye out.



Wider curriculum

Our Science will focus this half term will be on classifying animals, variation, habitats and how animals adapt to their environment. In PE, the children will be taking part in athletics activities and continuing to learn about their speed, agility and balance, whilst participating in different activities, such as hurdles and ladders. In PSHE we will be exploring changes. We will be discussing and learning about changes and in particular, with a focus on moving to a junior setting. We will be preparing the children for their transition, as well as other on-going activities which we have prepared with Shirley Junior School.

As part of our on-going transition with Shirley Junior School, your child will receive a login for Timetables Rock Stars. Please encourage your child to practice their 2,5 and 10 times tables on this programme. We would like to encourage you to support your child in becoming more confident in recalling these times tables at speed. This is something the children will be using lots in Year Three so it is a great opportunity for the children to become really familiar with this programme. We will Marvellous Me you will your child's username and password very soon.

Should you have any queries or concerns while your child is in Year 2, please contact us. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

To celebrate the children's achievements during their time at Shirley Infant School, we will be holding a special performance. We will be in contact with the details of this nearer the time.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team: Miss Innes (Badgers), Mrs Anousis and Ms Mantle (Foxes), Mrs Hillier and Mrs Watts (Woodpeckers).