

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a healthy, happy and restful Christmas break. This term is going to look a little bit different given we are now back to home learning for some children, but please be assured we have it covered with an exciting and engaging curriculum that we know the children are going to enjoy. All work will be uploaded to the VLE, with clear instructions of expectations and we will be available via teams at set points throughout the school day. We are also available through our new year 2 email address and can be contacted via year2@baildonce.co.uk. This email address is manned between 8.30am and 3.30pm. We will try and respond as quickly as possible.

### Routines:

All work will now be uploaded to the VLE, which we will use primarily, with teams as support, as this is more user friendly for our year group. On the homepage of the year 2 learn section you will find a timetable. This will show you which lessons we will access that day. You will then find all the resources your child will need under the relevant subject tab, including a link to teams for that session. There will be either a pre-recorded video to watch or a short live lesson via teams. There is absolutely no requirement to print off any worksheets. The children can have the work on screen and note down the answers in their red home school books. These books also contain any passwords your child may need. A member of the year 2 team will then be available via teams throughout the sessions to assist with any misconceptions or struggles your child may have. It is very important that your child's camera and microphone remain turned off throughout the sessions for GDPR and to ensure the sessions run smoothly. Please ask your child to only unmute if asked to do so by their teacher. There is a chat function should your child need to ask a question or a 'raise hand' function, which will allow your child's teacher to answer questions. Children can also contact their teacher via the VLE and if you have any queries, please contact us on the email address above.



**Creative Curriculum:** This term we start an exciting new topic, 'The Good, the Bad and Royalty.' We will be focussing on Kings and Queens of England, Queen Victoria and the Victorian era. Children will discover what life was like for children during the Victorian times, researching our current queen, Elizabeth II and comparing life in the Victorian era to today.



**English:** Our focus will be traditional tales and quest stories. Initially we will look at Jack and the Beanstalk, concentrating on building a story and rehearsing it verbally, exploring how to build the problem within our story to create tension and excitement. We will also look at the traditional language of fairy tales and the repetitive language used within them. We will then be studying the book 'The Snow Queen' by the famous author Hans C Andersen. We will use the text to inspire our own setting description where we will aim to include adverbs, expanded noun phrases, similes, a range of conjunctions and ambitious vocabulary.

**Maths:** We will be learning written and mental strategies to work out multiplication and division calculations. We will then move on to fractions of numbers and objects. We will also be consolidating place value understanding; ordering and rounding numbers and written methods for subtraction and addition. Children will focus on their learning in different contexts, incorporating problem solving and reasoning.

**Science:** In Science, our new topic will be 'Animals including humans.' We will find out about the basic needs of animals for survival and name the male, female and offspring of species. We will also look at the importance of keeping our bodies healthy through exercise and diet.

**R.E.:** We will be focusing on the question 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' The children will begin to recognise the words of the Shahadah and understand that it is very important for Muslims. They will realise that Muslims believe in Allah as their one true God. Children will recognise that Shahadah is the most important belief for Muslims and know that it is part of daily prayers.



**PSHE:** We will be focusing on Health and Wellbeing. As part of this topic we will be learning about e-safety and how to keep ourselves safe when we are online. We will be thinking about how not everything we see online is true or trustworthy and that people can pretend to be someone they are not. We will know to tell a trusted adult if we are worried for ourselves or others, worried that something is unsafe or if we come across something that scares or concerns us. We will also revisit the 5 ways to wellbeing to help us to keep a positive mindset during this unsettling time.

We are still in the mist of strange and unprecedented times, but please be assured we are always available should you have any questions about your child's learning. A member of staff will be available at drop off and collection (please adhere to social distancing rules) and we can be contacted directly via the year 2 email.

Best wishes,

Mrs Woodwiss, Miss Firth & Mrs Adams