



## Copplestone Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 2, it has been lovely to get to know your children in this last week. They have come back into school so confidently and are working really hard already!

We have a great topic this term which I am sure the children will really enjoy. Our focus is looking at Africa with our literacy stories, art, music, geography, DT, history and science all based within this theme. Our geography will give children the opportunity to learn about the country of Kenya and the similarities and differences between life in Kenya and Copplestone, as well as building on their knowledge of the world and locating different continents and countries. In History we shall discover about the life of Nelson Mandela and his importance in our world history. We shall make some traditional African food, learn how to weave, play drums together as well as explore the different habitats and animals you find on the African continent, more than enough to keep us busy!

We have routines in class which will really help build children's learning and part of those routines will include home learning for reading, spelling and maths knowledge. Setting routines at home for home learning can really help and hopefully it will not take too much time, but will have a very significant impact on your child's learning.

Later in the term the children will have home learning books which have our weekly spellings stuck in them. These books will need to come into school every day as we will use them to practice in school but you can also use them at home to practise. These spellings will be linked into Spelling Shed games which might include other spellings too. You can use the book or Spelling Shed to help the children learn these words.

Reading will continue with Little Wandle E-books which the children will read three times at home. Children will have read the book at school, building their fluency, expression and comprehension. This reading will embed the knowledge taught at school and should be a quick five to ten minute read. The children will also take home a quality real book from the class library, which they will share with you. This will help foster their love of reading and is a chance to enjoy a quiet time together. These books will need to be read to them but might have elements where they can join in. Once your child has secured the skills for reading with their phonics decoding, they will then take home a structured reading book which they can read to you. Year 2 is the year where this transition often happens so some children will have electronic books and others will take books home.

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Building number knowledge is also really important for children as they progress through school.

Adding 1 and 2		Bonds to 10		Adding 10		Bridging/compensating		Y1 facts		Y2 facts	
Doubles		Adding 0		Near doubles							
+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0+0	0+1	0+2	0+3	0+4	0+5	0+6	0+7	0+8	0+9	0+10
1	1+0	1+1	1+2	1+3	1+4	1+5	1+6	1+7	1+8	1+9	1+10
2	2+0	2+1	2+2	2+3	2+4	2+5	2+6	2+7	2+8	2+9	2+10
3	3+0	3+1	3+2	3+3	3+4	3+5	3+6	3+7	3+8	3+9	3+10
4	4+0	4+1	4+2	4+3	4+4	4+5	4+6	4+7	4+8	4+9	4+10
5	5+0	5+1	5+2	5+3	5+4	5+5	5+6	5+7	5+8	5+9	5+10
6	6+0	6+1	6+2	6+3	6+4	6+5	6+6	6+7	6+8	6+9	6+10
7	7+0	7+1	7+2	7+3	7+4	7+5	7+6	7+7	7+8	7+9	7+10
8	8+0	8+1	8+2	8+3	8+4	8+5	8+6	8+7	8+8	8+9	8+10
9	9+0	9+1	9+2	9+3	9+4	9+5	9+6	9+7	9+8	9+9	9+10
10	10+0	10+1	10+2	10+3	10+4	10+5	10+6	10+7	10+8	10+9	10+10

This chart shows the addition facts the children need to know and they will also need to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Maths Shed have lots of games which help them learn. We are also continuing to taking part in a nationwide scheme to help build number knowledge using a Rekenrek which will really help them learn these vital facts.



We will have **Forest school** on **Monday** afternoons so children will need old clothes and wellies.

**PE** will be on **Wednesday** but it is worth keeping their PE kits in school so they are always handy.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and your children, I am available after school for a quick chat if you need to talk about anything. Class Dojo is a great way to message me too.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Marshall, Yellow Class Teacher

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