



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer and are ready for the new school year.

Our first Year 2 topic is **The United Kingdom**. This half-term, we'll explore England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, starting with an exciting launch day to celebrate each country's unique culture.

We're excited to work closely with you. Please support your child's reading by encouraging 10 minutes of daily reading and signing their reading record. We check these daily and love celebrating progress. Children can earn **AR reading badges** by quizzing books. A bronze badge requires reading 250,000 words—an amazing goal!

### Homework:

- **Daily Reading** – 10 minutes
- **Spelling** – Set every Friday, due the next Friday
- **Numbots** - 10 minutes per week.

PE is on **Mondays**. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school. Label all uniform and kit to help us return any lost items.

Miss Cornell, Miss Chant & the Year 2 Team

## OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

## As explorers, can we discover the countries that make up the United Kingdom?

**AS WRITERS** we will be focusing on texts called Katie in London and Katie in Scotland. We will be writing short stories and letters. **AS READERS** we will be improving our fluency of short chapter books.

**AS MATHEMATICIANS** we will be developing our fluency skills through our Mastering number program. We will also be learning all about the place value of 2 digit numbers, developing our comparing, ordering and counting skills.

**AS GEOGRAPHERS** we will be learning about all of the countries of the UK, exploring what it is like to live in a city and how it is different to the countryside.

**AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS** we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe online.

**AS ARTISTS** we will explore different English artists and their fascinating works of art! We will explore different techniques and make our own fantastic gallery.

**AS SCIENTISTS** we will be exploring and classifying bulbs and seeds. We will apply our learning when we are invited to do bulb planting with Portland Rotary Club.

**AS CITIZENS (PSHCE)** we will be understanding how to have safe, healthy relationships.

**AS MUSICIANS**, we will be focusing on learning and performing a song called Tony Chestnut as well as exploring traditional harvest songs.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

**AS SPORTS STARS** we will be continuing our journey to becoming great athletes by perfecting our Fundamental Movement Skills, ensuring we can confidently tackle any activity.

**AS RELIGIOUS INVESTIGATORS** we will be learning all about Judaism.

- Every child must have a named drink bottle that can be refilled with water.
- Reading logs need to be signed by a parent daily and brought into school each day.
- Please name all uniforms.



## How can we, as Geographers, investigate the countries of the United Kingdom?

### Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school to display. Photos can be emailed in for us to celebrate!

#### Aspire Challenge

Design and build your own bug hotel.

Research traditional bakes from different parts of the UK and bake!  
Can you make scones or Welsh cakes?

Create a poster advertising a holiday in the UK

#### Aspire Challenge

Carry out a litter pick on your street.

Make a model of a well known landmark or monument in the UK

Conduct a survey of how many people you know have been to the capital cities of the UK. Record whether they have caught a bus, train or driven up to London. Record the data in a tally/pictogram.

Research three football teams who are based in the UK and draw their kits.

Record the weather in different UK cities over a week.

Make a map of how you get to London from Portland.