



VALLEY INVICTA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL AT  
LEYBOURNE CHASE

### Year 2 Weekly Update

We're back!

I must start by saying such a huge, heartfelt thank you to so many families for their kind words in Christmas cards and incredibly thoughtful gifts. Ms Master and I are truly grateful and hope that you all see this message and had a wonderful Christmas break. We wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2019!

Now, back to it! All of Class 2 have returned to school with such a positive attitude to work and school life, I am incredibly impressed! This term sees us move on to new focuses of work in Maths and English, whilst returning to develop and deepen our knowledge and skills in continuing topics in Science and Topic sessions.

In Maths, we are moving on to the incredibly important focus of multiplication. This week we have been looking at how our growing addition knowledge is so vital in the processes of multiplication. We've been finding everyday objects to create arrays to make counting in groups easier and clearer. We're now moving on to creating multiplication number sentences from our carefully created arrays.

In English, we have moved on to a new range of books based around our new topic of space. We are starting with "Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)" a book which we all enjoyed early in the week – especially trying to find as many aliens as possible across the entire book. We have shared our favourite and least favourite parts of the book and will be moving on to a range of writing skills that are essential for any aspiring astronaut who plans to spend their working day on the moon!

Just a few reminders for this term and new notices too:

- P.E sessions are planned for Thursdays and Fridays. One session is indoors and the other outdoors, so please can children have suitable kit and footwear for both sessions.
- Spelling tests are still on a Friday. We are now on Term 3 set 2 for this Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) words ending in -le and -el
- With multiplication being our new topic, we will be gradually introducing times tables sessions in to our weekly timetable. By the end of Year 2, children need to be confident in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables – any support at home with this would be greatly appreciated.

- We continue with our Accelerated Reader scheme of books and quizzes. Please remind your child to inform me if they are ready to quiz – this will start to become a much more independent process for the children, but a gentle reminder from home and school will continue to keep us on track.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing the developing maturity and continuing growth of knowledge and skills from all of Class 2 in this new year.