

# Year 2 Learning Letter

## This Term's Project

### Down in Devon

This term we are learning about the wonderful county of Devon. Devon Day will introduce the project, where the children will be taking part in a traditional Devon cream tea and wear clothes from home to match the colours of the Devonshire flag. In geography they will be developing their mapping skills by locating key places on a map such as Exeter, Exmouth and Dartmoor. The children will then go on to study the life of Isambard Brunel and look at some of his greatest engineering achievements, including the Bristol suspension bridge. In art we will be exploring the work of Betty Bettesworth, who creates eye catching designs of Devon travel posters.

**Knowledge Organiser:** You will find attached to this document a 'Knowledge Organiser'. This captures the knowledge and vocabulary we are focusing upon in an area of the curriculum. Please take some time to look this through so that you can help your child to remember the things they are learning.

## Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers using a variety of strategies, which include counting on and back on a blank number line and partitioning. The children will continue to develop their multiplication and division skills through arrays and sharing. They will also be using both practical activities and mental strategies to help them find a half, quarter and third of a number as well as to solve calculations involving money.

## English

Our first English unit this term is centred around a story called 'The Boy Who Cried Ninja'. This humorous text is an adaptation of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. We will be revising punctuation with a focus on question marks and developing the use of the conjunctions 'and/while'. We will then move on to instruction writing, using Grow Your Own Lettuce as our stimulus text. These units will both provide opportunities for the children to develop their language skills through learning new and exciting vocabulary.

'Effort is one of those things that gives meaning to life. Effort means you care about something, that something is important to you and you are willing to work for it.' – **Carol Dweck**

## Year 2 Summer Home Learning

**ESSENTIAL** each week:

### Reading

Make a time to read regularly. Little and often is best. When sharing a book with your child make sure to spend time talking about what has been read. This will help the children to develop their comprehension skills.

### Maths

Three sessions of up to 15 minutes practising the current maths skills on Education City. New home learning tasks will be updated fortnightly.

**Lost your Education City log-in?** Ask your class teacher to provide you with this again.

**OPTIONAL to enjoy over the Summer Term** to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend on each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.

**Research:** What do you know about Isambard Brunel? What was he famous for? What facts can you find out?

**Go:** Visit Exeter Cathedral or the House that Moved or go for a walk on Dartmoor or Exmoor National Park.

**Draw or make:** Create a scrap book of places you have visited and the plants and flowers you have found.

