# Year 2 Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to another half term in Year 2. Our topic this half term is Robots and we are working to our guiding question 'Can we have a robot building competition?' As always, email the school office or catch us on the playground if you have any questions or queries.

## Big Idea and Writing



Our learning journey will follow a range of subjects including History, Computing, Science and DT. Children have generated questions such as, 'how have robots changed over time?' and 'what material is best to make a robot?" In English, we will use Talk 4 Writing strategies to develop our writing. We will be focusing on narrative this half term all based around the Pixar film Wall-e. We will be writing character descriptions and applying our knowledge of Sentence types to retell part of the story.

## **Maths**

In our morning maths sessions, we will continue consolidating our knowledge of formal methods including column addition; subtraction on a number line; arrays and people method. We will be focusing on time, direction language and data handling in our longer sessions. Using an analogue clock at home and talk around time would support your child's learning.

## **Class Story**

This half term, we will continue to read The Boy who Grew Dragons and Charlie Changes into a Chicken. We are really enjoying the stories and can see why they have won awards!

#### Homework/helping at Home

### Reading

We would love children to read as much as possible at home. Banded books will be swapped weekly. Please ensure children bring their banded books and reading records to school everyday. Children should also be encouraged to explore reading material for pleasure at home.

## **Spellings**

Spellings will continue to be set weekly around a rule. Our spelling quiz takes place each friday. Spelling will be stuck in reading records and available online through Spelling Shed. Children have been doing a great job of learning the rule.

## <u>Times Tables</u>

Please continue to practise times tables at home. Children have been set a minimum of the 2,5 and 10 timetable to learn on TT Rock Stars. Details for logging in can be found on the parent letter sent home before half term.

#### Extra Information

Miss Smith and Miss Crosby will be out of class Wednesday afternoon when the children will have French and Music lessons. PE is Monday and Tuesday - please make sure that children have kit in school for these days.







