



Baslow St. Anne's C of E Primary School

Life in all its fullness ..growing healthy minds and hearts together

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Information for parents on moving from Year 1 (Tigers) to Year 2 (Leopards)

Congratulations on another great year of school life, and can we thank you again for all your help and support over the past year. Mrs Hayes (Leopard Teacher) has already sent home a leaflet to you outlining life in Leopards. This information just details a few things you might also be interested in.

Opportunities for Year 2 children

- Choir – Friday 8.30am (further information will come home in September)
- KS1 STEM club – Wednesday 3.15pm – 4pm Autumn 2 or Spring 1 (further information will come home in October)

Further information (in response to parent enquiries)

Please look out for an email re ' What my child will learn in Year 2' – it gives you an overview of the Year 2 curriculum if you are interested in reading or save it for later in the year.

I will send home a bingo sheet with ideas of activities your child might like to do over the summer – again these are there purely if you want to use.

Below are a few ideas you might like to do over the summer – if you only do 1 – please make it the reading. Year 1 children are still at the beginning of their reading journey and even if their decoding is fab (which it is) they still need reminding and to continue to work on their comprehension skills. If you can keep this up it makes a huge difference.

- Read, read, read! **Reading** with and to your child is the single most powerful thing you can do to support all areas of their learning and progress in school. Your child will come home with a letter regarding their individual reading needs.
- Enjoy doing some / all of the activities on their **summer bingo sheet** (paper copy to come home)
- Encourage your child to **write**, make it meaningful and fun. For example – shopping lists for a meal they have chosen, a holiday diary, postcards to friends and relatives, write a story together.
- Practise **counting** in 2's 5's 10's, look at number bonds to 10 and 20 – can they do them in order and in a random order? Look for and name 2D and 3D shapes around them
- Practise **telling the time** – use an analogue clock with hands – practise o'clock, half past times and if they can do these try quarter to and quarter past
- Practise their **handwriting** and letter formation – printed and cursive
- RELAX, have fun, **talk** about what they see around them, encourage them to ask and answer questions.
- All the children are happy and excited to be moving to Year 2, and it really helps if you can be **positive** in what you say – rather than 'You will have to work harder in Year 2' saying 'It will be exciting to learn new things as a Year 2' gives that really positive approach.

Do remember every child and home is different and there is no one way, the above ideas are there to use if you wish. The most important thing is for you all to – RELAX, REFRESH and RECHARGE. Have a wonderful summer.



Best wishes to you all from Mrs Whitfield and the Tiger Team x

