



# Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 2 – Holly and Maple

Theme this half term: Record breakers & Medicine woman.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Y2 have been busy working hard with their practise SATs and we are very proud of them! In Science we have enjoyed making boats using recycled materials and testing them to check if they float or sink. We have also created over ten different shades by just mixing the primary colours red, yellow and blue.

### Reading

Reading at home with your child really does make a huge difference to their life. Please continue to read at home and go through the speedy green words at the back of the book so the children can increase their fluency.

Reading books are handed out on a Friday and are collected back in the next Wednesday. Please help your child to keep their reading books safe in their book bags and bring book bags to school every day!

What will we be learning about and how can you help your child?

**English:** As writers, this half term we will be using the 'Elephants can't fly' as our class book. This will help children think about inventions and how to overcome challenges. You can help your child at home by researching famous inventors and the problems they faced.

**Maths:** This half term we begin to look at mass and capacity. You can help your child at home comparing items to see which one is lighter or heavier. They could also pour water into different sized containers and think about which one holds more or less.

**Theme:** As Historians, we will be looking at Ranulph Fiennes. We will be learning about the many record-breaking expeditions he has undertaken and what his hopes are for the future. Year 2 will go on to learn the inspirational story of Elizabeth Blackwell who was the first woman to graduate from medical school and the first female Doctor of medicine in modern times. You can help your child at home by researching both of these historical figures and finding out as much information as possible.



### Reminders

**PE:** Year 2 have PE on Tuesday.

**Water:** Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school everyday so that they can stay hydrated. Please rinse out water bottles each night.

**Times tables:** Please support your child in practising the 2, 5 and 10 times table at home.

**KS1 Assessments:** Year 2 will be completing their KS1 assessments in May.

### Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
it's	other	watch	word	television	all
he's	mother	want	work	treasure	ball
she's	brother	wander	worm	usual	call
they've	Monday	squash	warm	division	walk
you've	nothing	squad	war	vision	talk
I've	honey	quality	towards	usually	always
we've	people	again	money	Mrs	Christmas
rocket	water	half	Mr	parents	even
puppet	even	floor	because	kind	behind
bucket	door	poor	find	mind	child
carrot					
rabbit					