

## Yr2 Weekly Update - 19/8/16

### Week 1

We have started the year focused on the Approaches to Learning and Attitudes and have been addressing metacognition. The children have been identifying their personal interests and trying to understand what makes them get excited as a learner. AS you might expect many of them are most excited about being able to do things with their friends and to be able to play together.

We have also been trying to help them to understand that as teachers, we have high expectations of each individual learner, and that those expectations will differ from learner to learner.

Accepting responsibility and cooperating are two very important skills for the children to continue developing and we have addressed both of those by allowing the children to have a say in the development of the physical layout of their rooms and shared area, and the essential agreements which govern behaviour in those spaces. They should now have some idea about how resources are shared and cared for, what the learning spaces are for and how to act appropriately around both the Year 2 area and the rest of the school.

Finally this week we have been working on listening skills. We have been learning about how we can correctly position ourselves so that we become a 'listening body?', eyes and shoulders pointed at the person who is speaking, sitting comfortably and only wiggling those bits of us which don't distract others (such as fingers).

It has been a very enjoyable, very happy and very intense four days, so don't be surprised if the kids are tired this weekend, and try to give them an opportunity to do nothing at all (and why not join in yourself).