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Dear parents,

I can't believe it's the last half-term of the year! There are lots of exciting things on the horizon for year 2, starting with the school's Healthy Body, Healthy Mind activities next week. We will be trying skateboarding and tennis, as well as practising mindfulness and doing a morning run each day.

The focus on having a healthy body and mind is fitting with our topic for this term, Human Machines. We started the topic by doing athletic circuits and realising how quickly your body can become tired after exercise! The children will be learning all about how to look after their body and mind and we are excited to show off our knowledge at our outcome on **Monday 22nd July at 2pm**.

On the topic of human machines, if any parents take part in unusual sports (e.g. rock climbing) or has competed in any events such as a marathon and would be happy to talk to the children about it, please just let me know! We would love to hear all about it.

We will be writing biographies of famous sporting heroes as well as studying the story of The Greedy Fox later in the term. We will continue to learn to spell our exception words which can be found in the front of your child's reading records.

Our Maths will focus on measurement of mass and capacity as well as problem solving involving topics covered across the year. It is really important children know their number bonds to 20 as well as their 2s, 5s and 10s, so please continue to practise these and any other times tables at home.

As well as learning about how to keep our bodies healthy, we will be challenging ourselves in Science to put them to the test and figure out the effect different exercises have on our body. We will learn about the importance of drinking lots of water and eating well, as well as thinking about why being active is good for us.

All the children have made incredible progress in reading this year, helped by the regular reading which takes place at home. Please let us know any tricky sounds or words when you write in their reading records so we can give them the best help possible.

Swimming will continue on a Monday afternoon as well as PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure they always have their kit in school on these days so they can make the most of their lessons.

We are looking forward to another brilliant half-term full of being our best and shining bright! The children have lots of logins in their reading records so they can access learning websites at home in their free time. Thank you, as always, for the amazing support.

Best wishes,  
Miss Rowntree and Mrs Smith

**Websites:**

[www.spellingshed.co.uk](http://www.spellingshed.co.uk) - practising High Frequency and exception words. Login is in your child's reading record.

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button) - quick questions about number bonds and times tables to improve recall.

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) - Maths games linked to what we have learnt in class. Your child's login should be in their reading record.

[www.bbc.co.uk/sport/supermovers/42612496](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/supermovers/42612496) - dances and songs to learn about spelling, grammar and times tables. This is year 2's favourite website!

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/kids-activities-age-6-7/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/kids-activities-age-6-7/) - Maths and grammar worksheets and games.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm) - phases 5&6. Practising segmenting and blending.