

Newsletter

Year 2



Welcome back for the brand new academic year and the start of Year 2.

We have already had a wonderful start to our Autumn Term and it has been so lovely to see how eager and enthusiastic all the children are. I know we are all going to have a super year together.

All the shining stars of our new Year 2 class:



This term PE will take place on **Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning**. Pupils will need black shorts, a plain t-shirt in their house colour, socks, plimsolls or trainers. We do lots of PE outside so you may also like to provide jogging bottoms for colder days. Long hair should be tied back and earrings taken out or covered for PE.

You are invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 12th September.

There is a choice of two sessions:

3:15- 3:45pm

3:45- 4:15pm

This will be an informal gathering and a chance to ask any questions you may have. I look forward to meeting you if you can attend.

HOMEWORK

We are trying to reduce the amount of homework this year, so that parents can focus on helping their children to become fluent confident readers.

Therefore, the only homework will be reading books and a set of 10 spellings to learn weekly. Spellings will be sent out at the beginning of the week and the test will be on Friday of the same week.

Please do try to listen to your child read each night as this time is vital for embedding and developing reading skills.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"- Dr. Seuss

READING

This week your child will receive their new reading record for Year 2. Children should be reading for around 10 minutes per night and we ask that the reading records are completed by parents at least three times a week.

In the comment box in the reading diary, please do comment on what you discussed with your child, any questions your child asked about the text, what they enjoyed and any aspects they found more challenging.

As a school we are continuing to develop our creative curriculum this year, to ensure that all children are given opportunities to develop their interests and skills, and that their learning is broad, balanced, engaging and fun! Every class will again have one term of Outdoor Learning. Ours will take place during Spring Term, with a focus on living things, plants, healthy living and survival skills. English (reading and writing) will be taught through a longer-term topic, using real-life texts to help broaden your child's vocabulary, deepen their understanding, and provide a context for their own work. Science and foundation subjects, such as Geography and History, will also be linked to our topics.

Please see a brief outline of our topics this year below. A more detailed curriculum map will be attached with this newsletter and will be available on our new school website shortly:

Autumn Term Secret Island Explorers!	Spring Term Magical Medicine (Healthy Lifestyles)	Summer Term Streets Ahead: Local Area Study
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Although we are reducing homework this year, you can help your child to feel confident and prepared for Year 2 by practicing the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home, as well as practicing reading the time and counting and using money.

Additional home- learning challenges and creative projects, linked to our learning in school, may be sent home from time to time, but these will be sent out via Marvellous Me and will be used to extend and broaden learning that has taken place in school. I will try to keep you informed of your child's learning and progress via Marvellous Me as often as I can. If you do not have access to Marvellous Me then please catch me as this can be arranged. Also, keep checking our class page on the school website for regular updates on our learning.

With thanks for your continuing support,
Miss A. Tait
Mrs K. Wilson