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# Welcome to Year 2

Hello!

It is so lovely to see you and the children back in school. I hope that you are well and managed to have a nice break over the summer.

This term, I am going to be working with the children to make sure that they feel safe and happy and are ready for all the exciting things that we are going to be learning in Year 2.

I am super impressed with how the children have settled so far and they have been amazing me with all the things that they have remembered from Year 1.

Luckily, the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1, which is Year 1 and 2, can be taught at anytime throughout these years as long as everything has been covered by the end of Year 2. This means that we will be able to do the things that we intended to in Year 1, alongside learning new knowledge and skills in Year 2.

Our topic this term is 'The Magic Box of Memories'.

This will give the children the opportunity to talk about any worries or concerns due to recent events, as well as talking about happy times and memories. There will be a big history focus within this topic. We will be looking at how we find out the past, for example by using photographs and objects and will talk about what we can learn from these things.



The Magic Box of Memories

## Changes to home learning.

We are working hard to keep the children safe. To do this, we are reducing the number of things that the children carry between home and school and, that are shared between the children.

Your child will bring home their reading record and reading books on a Monday. These must stay at home and should be brought back on a

Friday. Please continue to sign these each time you hear your child read. Reading regularly at home is so important and so please encourage your child to read other things that they have, stories, comics, information books and so on all count.

The weekly spellings to learn will be put onto eSchools. Please help your child to log-on and practice their spellings for a few minutes each day. They will be available from a Monday and tested the following Monday.

I will also put important messages to you on eSchools as I don't have the opportunity to talk to you as much as I did last year. Please also use this to message me with any questions or queries.

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Autumn Term  
Newsletter 2020

With Mrs Cornley and  
Miss Lowery.

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### Important things to remember:

- ☺ Year 2 start school at 8.40am
- ☺ Year 2 finish school at 2.40pm
- ☺ The children can bring a snack of fruit or vegetables for morning break.
- ☺ P.E. will be taught outside. Please can a named kit stay in school from Monday to Friday.
- ☺ Children should bring a named water bottle each day. Please no juice or fizzy drinks.



## Phonics

We will be continuing to have daily phonics teaching. I am going to assess the children to see what they can remember and I will teach them from there.

In Year 2 we start to look at the alternative ways that sounds can be made in different words. This is building on the one way that a sound can be made that was learnt initially.

The Phonics Play website has lots of great games to practice this.



## English

We will continue to work on handwriting this term. It is really important that the children hold their pencil correctly, form the letters in the correct way and position them correctly on the line. Please help your child with this when they are writing their spellings at home.

The app 'Bobbly Write' is great for practicing correct letter formation.

We are also going to be writing for longer periods of time so that the children develop strength in their hands and can apply their learning to write short stories or pieces of information.

They need to remember capital letters and full stops, as well using other punctuation such as ? ! and making their sentences longer by using words like 'and, because, so'.

As the children become more confident when reading, we will be focusing on comprehension skills. This is all about understanding what has been read, predicting what might happen and discussing likes and dislikes.

We will be reading a mixture of stories, poems and information books and will have story time in class everyday.

## Maths

We will be starting our Maths learning by ensuring the children have a good

understanding of numbers to 100. As the children gain confidence, we will be extending our learning to look at numbers beyond this. It is very important that the children have a good understanding of place value to help with all areas of Maths.

We will be doing lots of addition and subtraction and learning key number facts.

We are also starting to look at basic multiplication and division and will be learning the 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

Topics such as telling the time, measuring and shape will be taught through daily life at school. We will also be learning about money, adding up the cost of things and giving change. Please help your child by showing them money and talking about the value of our coins and notes.



## Curriculum

In Science we are going to be learning about materials. We will be thinking about where they come from and why we use them. We will link this to recycling and looking after our planet.

We are very lucky to have a lovely big classroom which has space for a permanent workshop area where the children can get creative.

PE will be taught outside so please can you include joggers, trainers or plimsolls and a sweatshirt or hoodie in your child's PE kit. To make sure they stay with the correct child, please can you name all items of

Thank you for your support and for being so understanding in these strange and difficult times. Please message me if you have any queries.

I am over the moon to be teaching your children again and am looking forward to a great year with them.