

## Year 2

### Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Welcome back!

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We have had a great start to the new school year. The children have shown a positive attitude and are working extremely hard in class.

The teachers working in our Year 2 team are:

Miss McElhinney 2EM	Miss Kaur 2HK	Miss Fatalla 2SF	Mrs Ahmad 2ZA
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#### General Reminders

Reading books and reading records should be brought into school every day.

Every **Friday** your child will bring home homework and spellings.

**Homework needs to be returned to school every Tuesday.**

(If your child wishes to return their homework earlier that would be great).

**Physical Education** is an important part of the school curriculum and all children should take part.

P.E. lesson for Year 2 classes take place twice a week. Your child must have a full change of clothes including a fresh white T-shirt, blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. **Please make sure all P.E kit (and school uniform) is labelled with your child's name. Without kit, children can't take part.** Your help with this would be appreciated. We are also very privileged this year to have a sports specialist to lead our outdoor P.E. lessons. Throughout the year each class will benefit from having their outdoor P.E. lessons with the sports specialist.

PE Days will be as follows:

2EM – Tuesdays and Thursdays

2SF – Wednesdays and Fridays

2HK - Wednesdays and Fridays

2ZA – Tuesdays and Thursdays

#### **Water bottles:**

Please send in a labelled bottle of water for your child as the weather may still be warm.

#### **Class Assemblies:**

All Year 2 children will take part in a class assembly, in the Spring Term. A separate letter will be sent nearer the time giving more details of these. These usually take place on Thursday mornings from 9:05am in our Infant hall.

2EM – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

2HK – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

2SF – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

2ZA – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Topics for the Autumn Term

The children will be learning about a range of different topics this term. If your child has any books, pictures or photographs linked to these topics, they may bring them in to show the class. Please label them clearly. You can support their learning by the supervised use of the internet, and by visiting the local library.

Science: Living Things

History: 'The Great Fire of London'

Art: Buildings.

DT: Bread Making

R.E.: Christianity.

## Helping Your Child at Home

We value the support you can give your child at home. **It really makes a difference!** Here are a few reminders about some of the many ways you can support your child's learning.

**Reading:** Your child will take home 1 book every week. Please try to hear them read for short sessions every day. Your child will receive a **reading record** in the next coming weeks along with their **reading targets**. We would greatly appreciate it if you could write a comment about your child's reading in their reading record. After reading it is really useful to ask a few questions about what happened in the story. It is important that your child can understand what they have read.

**Spelling:** At the start of every half term your child will bring home a bank of words which they will need to learn for the following weeks tests. They will not know what spellings they will be tested on. Please try to ensure that your child practises reading and writing these words. You may want to encourage them to look at the word; read it; cover it; write it, and then check it. **Spelling test will be on Wednesday, so books must be returned on this day.**

**Homework:** Every Friday your child will bring home a homework in either English or Maths. Please encourage your child to write neatly and take care with the presentation when completing any homework (as they would in school). We encourage all children to use joined letters in school so practise at home will seriously help with this.

## Important Dates

On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017**, the week before the end of this half term there will be the **Year 2 Parents' Evening**. This is an opportunity for you as the parents or guardians to find out how the children have settled in to school life and the progress they have made so far in Year 2.

On **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, at 6pm there will be an information evening on **Assessment in Year 2**. You will receive more information about this closer to the date.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support which we really value and appreciate. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**We look forward to working together so that your child will have a happy and successful year.**

With regards,

Miss McElhinney  
(Year Team Leader)

Mrs Ahmad

Miss Kaur

Miss Fatalla