

Welcome to Year 2.

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to your children learning in Year 2 as much as we are. Below is some information which we feel that you will find useful for the coming year.

Teaching Days

Mrs Leto will be teaching Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Mrs Tominey will be teaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Wheatcroft is our full time teaching assistant.

Morning Routine

If your child is being picked up from school by somebody different, or you have anything that you wish to raise with us, please inform the member of staff who is on the gate and a note will be written in our messages book.

English

We will be reading and writing through the following genres this year:

Traditional Tales, stories with recurring literary language, Myths, Explanations, Reports, Recounts, Instructions, list poems and calligrams.

Phonics will continue with more complex sounds and grammar rules that will build on the children's Year 1 work. Spellings will be introduced when we feel that the children are ready.

Maths

Mathematics Mastery will continue this year and we will study many topics, including:

Numbers within 1000

Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers

Length

Graphs

Multiplication and division

Time

Fractions

Money

Shape, patterns, lines and turns

Capacity and volume

Mass

P.E

Swimming lessons will continue on a Tuesday morning and begin on **11th September**, ending on **4th December**. Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume, goggles and a towel on these days. If any parents are able to volunteer to help us, please let us know- you don't have to be available to accompany us every week.

Our other PE lesson will be on Thursdays. Again, please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school for these days. As the weather turns colder, we advise that you put a pair of plain navy blue or black jogging bottoms into their P.E bags as there will be times when these lessons will take place outside.

Topics

We will be learning through four different topics this year. These are:

London's Burning
Our Splendid City
St. Albans, Savannahs and Safari
The Last Century

Each topic will run for approximately 8 weeks and we will cover many different aspects of the curriculum throughout, including History, Geography, Art and Design and Technology. We will inform you when our topics change.

Reading Books

Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. It is important that your child reads to you for 15 minutes every day.

Show and Tell

This year, we will have our 'Show and Tell' times on a Friday afternoon. The children will be organised onto a rota and may bring in objects or props. If your child forgets to prepare/bring their Show and Tell, they will be given an opportunity the following week. We will send out a letter detailing the dates of your child's slot.

Home Learning

On Friday of each week, we will hand out a copy of our home learning. This will inform you of what we will be covering the following week in all subject areas. We will include some suggested activities for you to undertake with your child. We will also include reminders of any upcoming events or anything that we need your child to bring into school. We will also remind you of which children are on the rota for Show and Tell.

The more formal elements of homework will be introduced during the second half of the Autumn term. Children will have their own homework books in which they will do their homework. The activities given will rotate between English, Maths and Topic. It will be set on a Friday and needs to be handed in on the following Tuesday.

Helpers

If you are able to come in and hear the children read on a regular basis, please let one of us know as we are always extremely grateful of any extra help that is offered.

Thank you kindly and with best wishes,

Mrs Leto and Mrs Tominey