

## **Welcome to Year 2.**

We hope that you are all well and are looking forward to your children learning in Year 2 as much as we are. We understand that both you and your children may have concerns but please feel reassured that we will be addressing these through mindfulness and wellbeing activities and class discussions. We will also be keeping up with our already established routines of handwashing and hygiene and encouraging social distancing as much as is possible for children of this age.

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 Wednesdays and Miss Atkinson will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Kitt and Miss Hillier will be supporting us throughout the week.

### **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. We will not allow the children to go home with any adult that we haven't been informed about and we will phone you to confirm arrangements if we haven't been notified. If you have regular weekly pick up arrangements, please inform us at the beginning of the year and we will make a note of these. You will not need to inform us of these arrangements again unless they change.

### **Communication**

If you need to get a verbal message to us, please pass this to the adult who is on the gate and they will ensure that all information is passed on. We are happy to be caught in the morning or after school for any brief communications but should you need a longer meeting, please contact the office who will make an appointment for you to see us on a day and time that we are available.

### **English**

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

Explanations, reports 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 this year.

### **Maths**

We will be covering the objectives for maths that are set out in the National Curriculum through many areas including number, measurement, geometry and statistics.

### **P.E**

We will continue to have two scheduled PE lessons each week and these will be on a Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes to school in correct, labelled kit for these days. As the weather turns colder, we advise that your child can wear a pair of plain navy blue or black jogging bottoms as all PE lessons will currently be taking place outside.

## **Other Curriculum Areas**

Our overarching area of learning for this term will be Our City: London. This will run for approximately a term and we will cover many different aspects of the curriculum throughout, including History, Geography, Art and Design and Technology.

## **Reading Books**

Due to the current circumstances, we will need to change how we send reading books home until we are advised otherwise. So as not to overwhelm your child after having such a long time away from school, they will be sent home with one book on a Friday which they will keep until the following Friday. We will increase this to two books when we feel it is appropriate. Please take this opportunity to encourage your child to read their book more than once and answer comprehension questions about the text. We will keep their reading diary in school and they will also read from an additional book that will be kept in the classroom.

## **Show and Tell**

This year, as soon as we are able to, 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 that link to our topics. 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 when we are able to resume this part of our learning again.

## **Home Learning**

On Friday of each week, we will attach a copy of our home learning on to our home learning page on the school website. 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. (when this is resumed)

Later on in the year, 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. Spellings are also set on Friday and need to be learnt for an informal spelling test the following Friday. Due to the current circumstances, we will not be starting spelling tests as soon as we normally would but we will inform you when we feel that is appropriate to do so.

## **Equipment**

If you are able to, please provide your child with a small pencil case containing a pencil, sharpener, a rubber, a small set of colouring pencils, a short ruler and a small glue stick. This will remain in school. Your child will also need a named water bottle which they will bring to school each day.

We hope that you find this information valuable and feel reassured that your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

Thank you kindly and with best wishes,

Mrs Leto and Miss Atkinson