



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another school year. It has been really lovely to welcome your children back, and we are all looking forward to a fabulous term of learning.

As you know, Year 2 is a very important year, as we have the KS1 SATs coming up in May. We will be working hard to make sure that your child is ready for these, but we cannot do this without your help. Thank you in advance for all your support – it is always greatly appreciated.

Year 2 Team

Miss Evans: Class Teacher (usually Mondays and Tuesdays)

Ms Bibby: Class Teacher (usually Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Miss Amevi: HLTA (covering the class on a Friday)

Miss Ardiana and Miss Maria: LSAs

SCHOOL LEARNING

Literacy: Narrative writing, poetry and non-fiction

Maths: Number - place value, addition and subtraction

Computing: Algorithms - this links to following instructions

Science: Animals including humans

RE: Hinduism

History: 'The Great Fire of London'

Geography: Oceans and Continents of the world - Antarctica and Europe

DT: Building houses linked to 'The Great Fire of London'

PSHE: New beginnings

PE: Gymnastics and hockey

Music: Tuned and untuned instruments

PE days – Year 2 have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. On these days, children need to come to school wearing their PE kit, with their school uniform and shoes in a bag.

PE uniform: Blue or black shorts or track suit bottoms, with a **white** T-shirt and plimsolls or black trainers. Please ensure that all kit has your child's name on it.

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Home learning will be set on www.mathletics.co.uk every week, and as your child completes it, they will be awarded certificates. If you do not have access to the internet at home, we can make sure that your child has access to an iPad during lunch time so that they can complete the work set then!

Reading: Your child will bring home a selection of books to read and discuss with you. If they are to make the progress needed, they should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. Please encourage them to change their books regularly and comment and sign their Reading Log. We will also allocate online books at the right level for them on Bug Club which you can access via www.activelearnprimary.co.uk using the log in details that are written in their reading log.

Spelling: Spellings will be sent home on Fridays and then tested on the following **Thursday**. Please practise these with your child.

We will also send home, some learning tasks that are more open-ended which will allow your child to demonstrate their creativity. These will be stuck into their **Home Learning Logs** every other Friday and your child will have 10 days to complete the work. Logs must be handed in by the Wednesday. Again, please make sure your child does this and hands it in on time.

USEFUL WEBSITES

1. www.primarygames.co.uk - Interactive games with focus on Maths
2. www.bbc.co.uk/education - Focus on English, Maths and Science for Key Stage 1
3. <http://www.lexiacore5.com/> - support with reading and comprehension. (Teachers' email: lexia.209@lgflmail.org)



ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY AND COLLECTION

Please be reminded that school **starts at 8:20 am** and children should be **collected at 2:40 pm**. **If staff do not recognise the adult picking the child up, they will not be able to allow them to collect them.** The person picking up your child should be 16 years or older. Please inform the office of any change in collection by 2:20. Any child not collected by **3:00 p.m.** will incur a charge of £5 per 15 minutes. We are expecting **100% attendance** this term.

DATES

- **Weds 26th Sept** – Harvest assembly
- **Weds 3rd Oct** – Yr 2 class assembly
- **October will be Black History Month**
- **Thurs 18th Oct** – Multicultural Evening – 2:40 – 4:00pm
- **Mon 22nd – Fri 26th Oct – Half term**
- **Weds 7th Nov and Thurs 8th Nov** – Target setting evenings: 3 – 6:00pm
- **Fri 14th Dec** – Winter Fayre
- **Weds 19th Dec** – Christmas lunch
- **Thurs 20th Dec** – Christmas parties
- **Fri 21st Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day / End of term

Please be reminded that children may be taken on local trips, within walking distance, at any time during the school year. Children will be fully supervised during these visits and this is included in the application form which parents/carers have signed.

NO PHONES

Due to child protection, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children!

