



# 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**

**Mrs Grant-Dafalla:** Class Teacher: Monday to Thursday

**Ms Bibby:** Class teacher: Friday

**Miss Lesley:** Class TA



## SCHOOL LEARNING

**Literacy:** Anthony Browne books: narratives, poetry and non-fiction

**Maths:** Number - place value, addition and subtraction

**Computing:** Digital Literacy and Citizenship – e-safety

**Science:** Materials and their everyday uses

**RE:** 'Who am I? – Belonging' and 'The Teachings of Jesus'

**History:** 'The Great Fire of London'

**Geography:** Oceans and continents of the world - Antarctica

**Art & DT:** Drawing and Painting, and Building Houses linked to 'The Great Fire of London'

**PSHE:** New beginnings, as well as our new Strengthening Minds programme - Life After Lockdown

**PE:** Fitness and Dance

**Music:** 'Hands, Feet and Heart' song and music on Charanga

**PE days** – Year 2 have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. 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

For this half term, home learning will be limited to reading and online work, using the following school-based apps and programmes.



**Maths:** Home learning will be set as usual, every week via [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) and as your child completes it, they will be awarded certificates in Friday assemblies.

**PiXL:** <https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/Timestables.html> is another maths programme we will begin to use, which gives children the opportunity to practise their times tables.

**Reading:** Your child will continue to bring home books to read but when they bring them back to school, we will keep them in a safe place for the recommended 72 hours before returning them back to the class library. We will also allocate online books at the right level for them on **Bug Club** at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk). If they are to make the progress needed, they should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day.

**Lexia:** <http://www.lexiacore5.com> is another app which supports your children with reading and comprehension. If you are asked for a teacher's email – please use [lexia.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:lexia.209@lgflmail.org)

**From this September**, we have also bought into an online handwriting programme called **Letter Join** which you can find out more about at <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>

Children will be given their own individual log-in details for all of these.

**Where appropriate, additional tasks may also be set via class dojo. Please support your child with all of the above and we ask that you make sure you sign up to, and check your class dojo regularly, so we can keep in touch with you more easily.**

## ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY AND COLLECTION

School will still start at **8:20 am** for **Yr 2** and children should be **collected at 2:40 pm**. However, **entry and exit will be through the school gate on Staunton Street. 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 **2pm**. Any child not collected by **2:40 pm**, will incur a charge of £5 per 15 minutes. We are expecting **100% attendance** this term.



- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Term starts
- **Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Parents welcome meeting **by Zoom**
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October** – **Half term**
- **Week beginning Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** – Parents' evening (more information to follow)
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – End of term

At the moment, all trips are on hold, as we follow Government guidance. When things change, we will get in touch with you.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

**Due to the COVID19 pandemic please stick to your child's start and finish times and avoid crowding at the entrances.**

**Make sure you observe the 2m distancing**



**requirement at all times.**

**If you need to speak to your child's teacher – please contact them via class dojo, or ring the office and we can arrange to phone you back.**