



Welcome to Year 2 and the Autumn Term.



I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday. I am very much looking forward to teaching your children in Year 2. I will be teaching your children Mondays -Thursdays and Mrs Stanley will be teaching them on Fridays. Below is some information about Year 2 that you might find useful:

- **Reading books**

Please hear your child read every day for approximately 10 minutes and sign their Reading Record. They will be heard at school by an adult at least four times a week. This may include Guided Reading.

- **Spellings and homework**

Spellings will be given on Mondays for a test the following Monday. Mathematics will also be set every Monday (log in details will be put in your child's homework folder after the first week of term) and the children will have a week to complete this work. There will also be some Literacy and Numeracy homework given out for the children to complete once a week at home. This should be brought back to school on the following Monday. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL HOMEWORK IS COMPLETED IN PENCIL.**

- **Poetry**

Throughout the year we will be making a class favourite poetry anthology. Once a week the class leader will be asked to find and read a favourite poem to the class. If it is your child's turn, please help them find a favourite poem at home to bring in and read (or I will read it for them).

- **Golden Time**

Golden Time is a 'choosing' time reward for hard work and good behaviour! It will be on a Thursday afternoon. Please do not bring in toys from home. I have a good selection of things to keep the children entertained!



- **What to bring in:**

Please ensure your child has NAMED wellies, AstroTurf shoes and trainers. Please check sizes regularly.

Ties - please practise at home!

Your child should come to school on **WEDNESDAY** mornings wearing their PE kits and school shoes. Your child will then go home in their PE kits and school shoes on Friday afternoons. **Trainers** will, however, be left in school.

- **Thursday Morning Visits**

Please feel welcome to come into the classroom on the first Thursday morning of each month at 8.30 - 8.45 am. Your child may like to show you around the classroom and I will be available for an informal chat. If you would like a more personal or longer appointment, I will be happy to make an arrangement convenient to us both. This is especially important if you require privacy to discuss information relating to your child.

Here is an overview of some of the topics we will be studying during the Autumn Term. I hope it may be useful to you if you are planning any trips or choosing books from the library.

Literacy - Stories in familiar settings; postcards and letters; repetitive poems; traditional tales (Little Red Riding Hood); information texts; mixed media ('reading' John Lewis advertisements).

Numeracy - number and place value; addition and subtraction; money and measures; fractions; 2-D shapes; Carroll and Venn diagrams.

Science - Animals including humans (Life cycles and Healthy Me!); Materials

R.E. - Beginnings, Signs and Symbols (Baptism), Preparations, Judaism (Shabbat).

History - Kings and Queens.

Geography - Magical Mapping.



ICT - Creating pictures.

Art - Mono-printing, clay sculptures, Rousseau, oil pastels, watercolours and Christmas art.

PSHE - Aiming High; Diversity and Equality; Teams.

RSE - We Meet God's Love in the Community; Social and Emotional Development

Year 2 will continue to study P.E. and Music.

The second half of term sees the start of rehearsals for our Nativity play. I hope to see you all in the last week of term enjoying your children's performances. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for dates.

In connection with our Science topics, we will be visiting Wakehurst Place for a school outing. Further details will follow shortly.

Thank you in advance for all your support. I trust this will be a very happy time for us all this year and I look forward to meeting you in due course.

With warm regards,

Mrs Gabriel