🌟 Welcome to Year 2 – Orion Class 🌟

Below is some useful information about our Year 2 class, routines and curriculum for the Autumn Term.

👋 Who's Who in Year 2?

We are very lucky to have a fantastic team supporting your children throughout the week.

👩‍🏫 Class Teachers

Miss Martin - Every day
Mrs Morrissey - Thursday mornings

👱‍♀️ Teaching Assistants

Mrs Ensor - Monday - Thursday
Miss Hibbert - Monday and Tuesday
Mrs Moore - Wednesday - Friday

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help.

🏃 PE Days

Our PE days are:

✅ **Monday**
✅ **Friday**

On these days, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

PE Kit Checklist

👕 White round-neck T-shirt
🖤 Black shorts, leggings or joggers
👟 Trainers
🧥 School jumper or cardigan

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

📚 Reading at Home

Reading regularly at home is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning.

We completely understand how busy family life can be but if your child could read their school reading book **at least three times per week**, this would be ideal and would greatly support their progress.

How Reading Books Work

📖 Your child will bring home a reading book matched to their reading stage.

📖 Once the book has been read **three times**, we will change it for the next book within that stage.

📖 If your child is showing good progress and confidence, we may move them on to the next reading stage.

📖 We will also listen to your child read regularly in school and support them with their fluency, expression and understanding.

Even just 5-10 minutes of reading together can make a huge difference to your child's confidence and enjoyment of reading.

Thank you for your support with this

🍃 Year 2 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term

✒️ English

This term we will be:

• Developing reading fluency, expression and comprehension.
• Writing sentences and short pieces with increasing detail.
• Spelling common words and applying spelling patterns.
• Using punctuation correctly, including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.
• Developing vocabulary and speaking confidently in different situations.

🔢 Maths

We will be learning about:

- Number and place value to 100.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Multiplication and division, including the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Quick recall of number facts. (Knowing the 3 times table would also be very helpful.)
- Fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds.
- Money.
- Time, including telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Measurement.
- Shape, position and direction.
- Solving mathematical problems and explaining our methods.

🔬 Science

Our Science topics include:
- Materials and their uses.
- Animals, including humans.

🏛️ History

We will be learning about significant people and events from the past.

During the Autumn Term, we will focus on **London**, exploring its history and some of the events that have shaped it over time.

🗺️ Geography

In Geography we will explore places, maps and the wider world around us.

We will learn about:

- London's famous landmarks and attractions.
- Using and understanding simple maps.
- Following and giving directions.
- The four main compass points: north, south, east and west.
- Human and physical features in our environment.

💻 Computing

We will develop:

• Coding
• Understanding of online safety and responsible use of technology.

🎨 Art & Design

Children will have opportunities to:

• Explore different materials.
• Develop artistic techniques.
• Create and evaluate their own work.
• Express their creativity through a variety of projects.

🎵 Music

We will enjoy:

• Singing.
• Listening to different types of music.
• Learning about rhythm and pulse.
• Exploring and performing with instruments.

❤️ PSHE

We will learn about:

• Friendships and positive relationships.
• Emotions and wellbeing.
• Keeping healthy.
• Staying safe both in school and online.
• Respecting ourselves and others.

🌟 Thank You

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and helping your child achieve their very best.

We can't wait to share all of the wonderful things that your children will accomplish in Year 2!

Team Orion