



Year Two Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you all to Year 2. We have thoroughly enjoyed having the children back in school and seeing their welcoming smiles every morning. Our main focus has been the children's well-being and we have ensured that they have had lots of time to talk about any concerns or worries they may have. We have put in place activities that give the children time to develop friendships and enjoy their time in their new classroom.

We would like to introduce you to the Year Two teaching team:

St Anne's - Mrs Stone, Mrs Pye, Mrs Walker, Mrs Menteshashvili

St Edmund's - Mrs le Roux, Mrs Walton, Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Piper

Below is an outline of what we will be learning with the children in this Autumn term.

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
English	Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry work will be based on the film clip 'Bubbles' and the stories of 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Twits'.	Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry work will be based on the stories of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' and 'Flat Stanley.'
Maths	Place Value and Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Addition and subtraction.	Money, multiplication and division.
RE	Beginnings - looking at God's creation and how beautiful beginnings are.	Baptism - Learning about Jesus' baptism and the signs and symbols associated with the sacrament of Baptism.
Topic	Our Local Area and Beyond - Using maps and Google Earth to identify features in our local area (Harold Hill); developing an understanding of the similarities and differences between a small area of the United Kingdom and a small area in a contrasting non-European country.	The Great Fire of London - developing an understanding of the differences between London now and in 1666; using reliable sources of information to study a historic event; understanding the importance of the work of the diarist Samuel Pepys.

My Week at School – Each week you will be able to view information about your child's 'Week at School'. This will be found on the website under Year 2. The document will inform you each week of the different learning activities the children will be doing in Year 2. This document will be on the website every Friday week commencing 28th September.

Reading – <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Now that the children have returned to school, we need to make sure that they are reading regularly. As we are currently unable to send books home, we will continue to use Bug Club to ensure that children have enough books allocated so that they can read **every day** as part of their daily activities. Children should be reading at home at least **10 minutes a day** and answering questions to show their understanding. Depending on the length of the Bug Club book this is one or possibly two books if the text is short.

Please remember that in order for Bug Club to recognise that a book has been completed, **all** questions must be answered. When a book is completed it will go into the Bug Club Library. Class teachers will be monitoring Bug Club access to ensure that children are reading at home regularly. If you need any support on how to access your Bug Club account then please email the School Office.

P.E days and Zumba



Year 2's PE day is on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on that day. As the weather can be very changeable in the Autumn term, children can wear their PE tracksuits with their shorts and house colour t-shirt underneath. Children are to wear trainers on this day.

Homework – You should have already received a detailed letter about Homework in KS1. We will be introducing 'Maths Factor' and 'Spelling Shed' after the October half term.

Key Dates:

29 th September	Whole School Virtual Harvest Festival Assembly
16 th October	Mid-term Reports to be sent out to Parents
19 th – 21 st October	Parents' Evening (Phone Consultations)
23 rd October	Inset Day – School Closed
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term Week

We all look forward to the year ahead and encourage you to email the school if there is anything you are not sure of.

Kind Regards,

The Year Two Team



