



## Welcome back Year 2

Information for children and parents

### Autumn Term

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope you had a relaxing summer, and that the children have returned ready to learn.

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, please send us a message on dojo and we can make you an appointment to come in and see either one of us, if needed. You can also leave a message at the school office if you would like one of us to call you back.

We will use class dojo to share our success and things we are doing in the classroom. I will also share information on our class story. As the term progresses, we will share children's work when they are particularly proud of it, with parents in the messages section. School communications will be through email and also via class dojo. Please check these regularly for information. Most letters will not be sent home on paper.

#### **What will we be learning this term?**

**English** - All children will take part in a Read, Write Inc. lesson 5 days per week. We will focus on particular phonic sounds each day. Children will also take part in 5 English lessons which will focus on writing skills and the spelling, grammar and punctuation aspect of the curriculum. The vehicle texts and genre for this term are as follows:

- Autumn 1 – A River by Marc Martin (Narrative)
- Autumn 2 – The night Gardener by The Fan Brothers (Diary Entry)

**Maths** – In Maths, the children will be developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction and shape. We follow the White Rose Maths scheme of a mastery approach which focuses on developing fluency through a range of reasoning and problem-solving tasks.

For our wider curriculum we will be learning about the following units in our Science, History and Geography lessons:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Science: Animals Including Humans: Sensitive bodies	Science: Everyday Materials
History: What is History?	Geography: Where am I?

In **PSHE**, we will focus on relationships, with a specific focus on managing friendships, feeling safe and showing respect to those around us. **RE** will focus on what do Muslims think about God?

## PE

Year 2 will have a PE lesson on a **Tuesday**, this term we will be focusing on Dance in Autumn 1 and Fundamentals of PE in Autumn 2.

Games lessons will be on a **Thursday**. All children need to have trainers in school for these lessons, plus their school/home PE kits (these should have been returned on the first day back)

**Please ensure that ALL EARRINGS have been removed on PE days, if children cannot remove their own earrings then please do this at home, we are unable to help them in school – tape cannot be worn over earrings for health and safety reasons.**

## Homework

This year, all children will receive a CPG Homework book for Maths and Reading. Children will record in their homework diary which page of the books need to be completed. This will be set on a Friday and due in for the following Tuesday. This gives children an opportunity to show what they have been working on in school and parents the opportunity to support and guide their children. Answers can be found in the back of books, but please encourage children not to look at these until they have completed the set page. **PLEASE DO NOT DO ADDITIONAL PAGES OF THE BOOK AS THESE NEED TO LAST THE YEAR!**

It is really important that children are reading regularly out loud with an adult at home. The children will have reading skills lessons and will also have a reading book that is suitable for their reading level and understanding to read at home. They will also be borrowing books from the school library.

In addition to reading at home, it is important for children to practise their times tables. They are lucky to be able to access a great online resource called **Times Tables Rock Stars** in which they can climb leader boards – this is rewarded during our Friday assemblies. The children have a log-in to access this on an app on a tablet or smartphone or online. Please ask if you need more information. A couple of games a night for 5 minutes will help them improve.

Many thanks for all your support,

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