

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term!

### Changes to the year 2 team

Mrs Ward has moved lower down the school, so we have 2 new staff members who have joined us since Autumn 1. We are delighted to welcome Mr Austick and Miss Goodall to the year 2 team.

### Attendance and Punctuality

School begins at 8:50 am and finishes at 3:25 pm. We expect your child to be in school every day and on time.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform every day. Every item of clothing must have their name written on labels inside. Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing i.e hat, scarf, waterproof coat (and if we're very lucky in spring term please apply sun-cream to your child before school). Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays.

### P.E. information:

Our PE day is Tuesday this half term. Please ensure children have a full PE kit.

### Reading Books

Please make sure that you read with your child every day. We endeavour to change the children's reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your children bring in their reading book and planner everyday as they could be read with in school on any day. When you read with your child please take time to make a note in your child's reading record book this will ensure that we maintain a clear dialogue between us all. If the reading record is missing, you can buy a new one from the school office.

### Homework

This year we are planning to move over to Google Classroom from SEESAW. Consequently, we have decided to send homework in a pink homework book while we undergo the should be returned by Thursday the following week. Children will be expected to practise their times tables using TTRS on a

weekly basis, the login for TTRS can be found in your child's planner and in their homework book.

### Curriculum

Please see the **curriculum map** attached for more details on your child's learning journey throughout this year. You can also find this online on our school website.

In RE we will be studying three themes these include: Books (where we will focus on the layout and importance of scripture), Thanksgiving (where we will develop our ability to appreciate the world and people around us) and Opportunities (where we will discuss how to make the most of each day).

To start our **English** topic, we will be reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'- a contemporary picture book which we will use to develop our inference and prediction skills, children will have the opportunity to write their own chapter of the book, build character descriptions and later in the term to write their own fairy tale with a twist.

Children will begin to learn about joining their letters during **handwriting** practise in school and should be encouraged at home to explain which letters are allowed to join and which shouldn't be joined.

In **math** lessons this term the children will begin by revisiting their knowledge of number, place value, addition, subtraction and properties of shape. This building of skills will allow children to broaden their knowledge and apply what they learnt last term to problem solving contexts. They will also be developing their understanding of multiplication, division and measurements. The children will also be beginning some new learning in maths this term about money, fractions and statistics.

Our **topic** for theme lessons this term is, 'Africa a Non-EU country study', where the children will be learning all about Africa, animals native to Africa, African tribes and the African landscape.

In **Art** we will be studying the work of Vincent Van Gogh we will be making our own portfolio of sketches inspired by his work.

In **PE** this term the children's main focus will be based on ball skills; throwing, catching, travelling and sending. The children will develop their gross and fine motor skills through this practise as well as their hand-eye coordination. **There are also opportunities for children to attend a multi-skills club after school.**

This term in **Science** the children will be learning about animals including humans. The children will be learning about animal offspring and that some animals lay eggs whereas some give birth. The children will also be investigating life cycles of different animals and explaining the different stages of human life.

### Spring Trips

We are delighted to have secured a trip to Aerozone at Manchester Airport, further details to follow.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Hoolighan, Mr Austick & Miss Goodall ☺