



Year 2

Information for
children and parents.



Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back after half term. I hope you enjoyed a lovely break!

What are we going to be learning about this term?

English - All children will take part in a reading lesson 4 days per week. We will focus on particular reading comprehension strands (VIPERS) and we will be reading a new age appropriate text each week. 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. This term we are reading *The Night Gardener* by The Fan Brothers and we will be writing a Setting Narrative and a Diary.

Maths - The children will also be continuing to develop their addition and subtraction skills within 100. The children will be working on number bonds to 100, finding 10 more and 10 less than any given number, checking their calculations and adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. We will also be looking the properties of 2D and 3D shape this half term.

Science – In Science this half term we will be learning about Seasonal Changes including the Weather, Daylight Hours, Observations over time and Weather Reports.

Geography – In Geography this half term we will be looking about our Local Area, we will be learning about different types of maps and locating our local area in context.

DT - The children we will be looking at structures and constructing a windmill using different materials and joining materials.

Computing –The children will be learning about algorithms and debugging.

RE – This term, the children will be exploring the question, ‘Who is Muslim and what do they believe?’

Music- We are learning about Orchestral instruments and responding to Traditional stories with instruments.

PSHE- We are continuing to learn about Relationships including safe relationships, family and friends, respecting ourselves and others and recognising harmful behaviour (including online).

PE – The children have an indoor gymnastics lesson on a **Tuesday** afternoon. We will provide the children with PE kits, although children will need to bring a pair of trainers into school. However, if you would like children to have their own kit, shorts and t-shirt, tracksuit trousers and a sweatshirt may be worn. As we are in the winter months, please ensure your child has warm clothing suitable for outdoor conditions. All clothes need to be named and kept in a named PE bag. Children must have their games kit every week; it is a requirement of the National Curriculum that they have a games lesson and it is important for their own

health and development that they participate in sporting activities. We will also be doing Games on a **Wednesday** afternoon this half term. The children will need trainers for this session as it will be outdoors.



Home/School Communication

If you need to contact me directly, please message us on Class Dojo's where we can see and respond to your messages on the same day. If you need to tell us any information about your child for that particular day please do not hesitate to just pop it onto a message.

Reading books, Homework and Spellings

The children will have reading skills lessons, 4 days a week. They will also have a reading book that is suitable for their reading level and understanding to read at home. They can also read their own books and they will be borrowing books from the school library on a **Friday** (these must be returned the following **Friday**). Websites such as BBC Newsround are also useful to help children to read about and start to understand the world around them. Please record their home reading in the reading record. Children will earn dojos and stickers for reading at home and remembering their reading book. We expect children to be reading for a minimum of 5 minutes daily at home. It is really important to spend time listening to your child **read** and talk about what they are reading.

The children will be given **spellings** on a two weekly cycle each **Monday** to learn at home. Children receive five dojo points if they have practised their spelling in their green spelling book. There will NOT be a weekly test. We will do progress checks at school every half term.

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 game called Times Tables Rock Stars in which they can climb leader boards. 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. Depending on how confident they are, they will start with 1 or 2 to learn, building up to all 12 for those more able.

Snack

The children may bring in a HEALTHY snack for playtime if they wish (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, and healthy breakfast bars for example). Although we do provide fruit daily.

I hope this will be helpful to you and your child. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via Dojo.

Many thanks,

Miss Nugent (Class Teacher Monday-Wednesday)

Mrs Pickering (Class Teacher Thursday-Friday)