



Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome to year 2. I already know many of you from teaching your wonderful older children over the past years and I am looking forward to meeting the rest of you over the coming weeks. There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' Meeting in the very near future and I hope to see lots of you there. There will be an email regarding the date for this.

Here is some important information for you, particularly regarding uniform, book bags and PE sessions. I look forward to working with you all over the next year.

Learning Curriculum

Maths: We will be following the strands contained within the National Curriculum for Maths. We are starting the new term learning more about place value, followed by addition and subtraction and then shape.

Literacy: We will be using different stories linked to our Cornerstones topics to inspire our writing and will be starting off the term with Oliver Jeffers' 'The Way Back Home'. Other books to look forward to include, The Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, Little Red Reading Hood by Lucy Rowland and Ben Mantle, Beware of Boys by Tony Blundell and poetry based around fireworks. Year 2 will continue with the Little Wandle phonics programme, focusing on the different sounds a grapheme can make. After the October Half Term we will then go on to learn spelling rules, still using the Little Wandle scheme for this. These lessons will focus on the year 2 spelling requirements of the National Curriculum. We will continue to have 3 reading aloud sessions each week- decoding, prosody, comprehension.

History: The theme for History is 'Movers and Shakers'. We will be learning about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. The children will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

Science: Our work this term is all about human survival. This project teaches children about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They learn at a basic level, how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

RE: Our first part of the year will be focusing on how and why we celebrate special and sacred times. The children will be considering the value of celebration in their own lives as well as learning about the significance of festivals to the Jewish way of life. Within this, they will explore the significance and meaning of Jewish rituals. They will also learning about festival celebrations within Christianity which will be perfectly timed with Christmas! The children will be exploring the symbol of light throughout many different celebrations.

Art: The theme for Art is 'Exploring Colours'. This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours.

DT: The topic, 'Remarkable Recipes' teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. They will also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. The children will choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria.

Computing: We will be thinking about IT around us and then following a topic on digital painting.

Geography: 'Let's Explore the World' teaches children about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world. They also compare England to Somalia. Children carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.

Homework

READING

LIBRARY: Your child will visit the school library each week where they will be given a free choice and bring home one library book each. They can read this with someone at home or can have it read to them.

PHONICS: Most of Year 2 will also have a book linked to their phonics, which we will contact you about once we have assessed your child's reading level.

ACCELERATED READER:

A few children are already reading from our Accelerated Reading programme and I am confident after the year group's great performance in the National Phonics Screening in June, many more will be added to AR over the next few terms.

Year 2s not currently using AR will be assessed every 6 weeks using the Accelerated Reader Star Reading Assessments. Once their reading age reaches 7 years they will be able to choose a book within the points band matching their assessment profile.

All children will have a Reading Record book which we ask you to comment in each time you hear them read. House points will be awarded to children who return their reading record book each day with a comment inside.

Wellies

Please can you send a **named** pair of wellies into school as there will be lots of outdoor learning throughout the year. We have racks in school for their safe storage.

PE

Year 2 will have outdoor PE on a Monday and indoor PE on a Thursday. Children can come into school in their PE kits. **Hair must be tied back and earrings removed or protected with**

tape during PE sessions. I would just remind parents/carers that staff are not able to remove and replace earrings. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit as follows:

Trainers or plimsolls

House colour T-shirt

Black PE shorts

Green track suit bottoms or black skins underneath the white shorts maybe worn for outdoor games in cold weather. Skins must not be worn without white shorts over the top.

All items of uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name

ART

Can you please send an old shirt or an apron in for your child to use for art lessons. Please send it in a plastic bag. We will keep it here all year.

Uniform

Uniform promotes a sense of belonging and equality. We expect our children to demonstrate pride in their appearance and respect for the school uniform. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform at all times.

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Grey tailored trousers or shorts

Grey skirt, pinafore dress

White shirt/polo shirt

White short-sleeved shirt/blouse

School bottle green round neck/V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt fabric cardigan

School tie (optional)

Black tights

Grey socks (white socks can be worn with dresses)

Green checked dress

Black shoes

Children should be well- presented and their white shirt/polo shirt must be tucked in at all times.

Children must wear sensible black shoes to school, NOT TRAINERS or BOOTS.

Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted. Excessive hair accessories or extreme hair styles or colour are also not permitted.

No jewellery except for one, small, stud earring allowed in each ear.

Analogue watches are encouraged but SMART watches are not allowed.

Many items are available from the school office. To order uniform please click on the link <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/> or visit the uniform section on our website.

The Parent and Teachers' Association also runs an excellent second-hand uniform shop on site.

Contact

Should you need to speak to me:

- I am at my door in the mornings if it is a quick message.
- If you wish to speak to me at greater length, please make an appointment by speaking to me in the morning or via the office.
- You can also email me via the office who will pass your email on.

School helpers

We are always very grateful for any help with reading, art activities etc. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the school office in order that a DBS check can be completed. This also applies to any grandparents who wish to get involved too.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit/veg at playtime. If you choose to send in a playtime snack, **please send only fruit and/or vegetables**. Please note we are a nut free school so please do not send in any foods that contain nuts. There are children in school with severe nut allergies.

Book Bags, Pencil Cases and Water Bottles

Just a reminder that children must use a school book bag as we do not have the space to accommodate large rucksacks etc. Children rarely need to bring anything into school that requires larger bags and we will let you know when they are. Please do not send a pencil case into school, as items get easily lost. Please ensure water bottles are named.

Inclement Weather

Please make sure you send an appropriate coat, hat, gloves depending on the weather. Please send hats during hot weather.

Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to meeting everyone soon.

Mrs Wibroe
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