

# Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! It has been an amazing three days! We have had lots of fun! I just want to say how impressed I have been this week with how well Year 2 have settled back into school. They have adapted to the new routines straight away and have been so eager to start learning. I have loved seeing all of their smiling faces again and I cannot wait for another week!

A few notes on how we are going to be doing things in Year 2!

Next week we will be doing baseline assessments across school. These are to enable us to understand where each child is at, and to know where the gaps in their knowledge are so that we can deliver a quality recovery curriculum that enables every child to catch up. These assessments are not for anything other than for us to be able to plan appropriately so please do not worry about them.

## Homework in Year 2

**Homework will be given out each Friday to complete by the following Friday.**

**Spellings** - Each week your child will be given a list of spellings to learn. They will either follow a spelling rule or may include words that your child has been identified as needing to learn. However you want to practice these is fine. Tests will be the following Friday.

**Times Table Rockstars** - Each child has been set up with an account on Times Table Rockstars. This is a website we are introducing to Year 2 at school to help build their fluency in times tables. At first, the children may find this a bit more challenging but please encourage them to have a go. There are lots of activities for the children to complete, but in the first instance it would be great to practice their timestables using the Studio game. In Year 2, the children will be focusing on multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Login information will be in their reading diary.

**Reading Plus** - Reading plus is another online resource that we use at school to build their reading skills. We will be looking at this together in class soon so there is no need to do anything with this at the moment. I will be in touch when we have set them all up and are ready to go with further details on how to use this resource. Login information will be in their reading diary.

After the baseline assessments, children will be sent home with their new reading books based on their reading levels. Books will usually be changed from Monday to Thursday with a group at a time.

Occasionally, there may be some topic homework sent out, it may be a creative project, some research or something that I would like the children to do in preparation for a new topic. This will be communicated by me either on ClassDojo or their reading diary. Our first topic is 'Terrific Turrets' focusing on castles which the children are already very excited about!

## PE

This will be on Mondays with Tom (our coach), Thursdays with me and Fridays for Enrichment.

Please send your child into school dressed in their PE kit. We are wanting to eliminate the chance of spreading germs by eliminating the possibility of spreading clothes around school. P.E is going to be mainly outdoors so please dress weather appropriate. It would be ideal if the children could bring a spare pair of footwear in case their trainers get muddy during P.E.

I will be updating the school website with what we are doing in class on a weekly basis. This information can be found on the 'Home Learning' section of our website.

If you have any questions please feel free to catch me at the end of the day or message me on ClassDojo,

Thank you so much for your support! I have loved returning to school and seeing all of the children!

Miss Palmer