

The Termly Guide to Year 2

Autumn 2017



Welcome to Year 2. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break. We trust the following information will be of use to you and your child over the coming months.

School Routines

School opens at 8.50am and registration starts promptly at 8.55am. Please can you say 'good-bye' in the **playground** as we are trying to encourage independence and good organisational skills. Please contact school before 10.00am to report a first day absence.

Reading Books

Please bring your child's reading book to school daily. It will be changed on a regular basis each week. Additionally, your child will be read books in class by their teacher from our Year 2 Reading Spine. We also encourage the use of Bug Club to help develop the children's comprehension skills. Please support your child by spending some time each evening sharing their book with them, discussing the story, talking about the characters and what might happen next. We have included some reading approaches in your child's reading diary that we hope you will find useful to support their reading. Every time your child reads at home they will be awarded a sticker on their reward chart, in school. Once their reward chart is full they will receive a special prize for working so hard on their reading!

Homework for KS1

Homework is set every **FRIDAY** and needs to be returned to school early the following week, Wednesday at the latest please, as it needs to be marked and new homework set. Homework may consist of spending time reading, consolidating the previous week's learning or a "fact finding mission". Please support your child with these activities. We often ask children to research a topic, so if they use the Internet please ensure that you supervise them for safety reasons and appropriateness. We would be grateful if your child's homework is completed in pencil.

Uniform / PE kit

Please ensure your child has a pump bag containing pumps, shorts and T-shirt, **clearly labelled**. We also ask that you provide your child with a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms that can be used for outdoor games during the colder months. Please keep your child's PE kit in school and take it home at half term to be washed. Our P.E sessions for this term are on a Monday and Thursday.

Snack

Fruit is provided for snack at Key Stage 1 free of charge. In addition children need to have a clearly labelled bottle of water, which will be refilled in school daily.

Library

Your child will have the opportunity to borrow one book at a time which can be changed weekly on a Friday.

Toys

Please can ensure that **no toys are brought into school**, as it takes a long time to find lost toys and to console children if they get broken. If your child would like to bring a topic related item to school, then they may do so.

School Visits and useful dates this term

Year 2 children will be visiting Staircase House in Stockport this half as part of their History topic on The Great Fire of London. Details of this will follow shortly.

Meet the Teacher Presentation - Monday 11th September (3:30 & 5:15pm)

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 28th November
Wednesday 29th November

Year 2 Christmas Production - Monday 18th December (9:30am)

Medication

Please can you make sure that if your child is asthmatic, their inhaler is up to date and in school, as well as any other necessary medication.

Volunteers

We are always happy to welcome parents and helpers into school to help with reading during **afternoons**. Please speak to Mrs Lomax or Miss Clayton to arrange this.

If you have any concerns or successes you may wish to share with us about your child please call in after school when we will have more time to talk with you!
If you are a working parent / carer you are always welcome to phone after school to speak with us or to make an appointment for a time that is mutually convenient.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Mrs. Ruth Lomax
Miss Jodie Clayton

Here is an overview of the curriculum we will be following this term.

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| LITERACY | Descriptive poetry and acrostics Instructional writing Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Handwriting Recount of visit and Great Fire of London Diary | |
| MATHEMATICS | Place value, problems, calculations, measures, shape and space, handling data (each term) | |
| SCIENCE | Plants Everyday Materials | |
| HISTORY | What happened to London in 1666 and how do we know? (Staircase House Trip) Remembrance Day | |
| ART | Georges Seurat (Pointillism) Snowflake Printing | |
| ICT | Digital Literacy – Hector’s World (Staying safe online) Book creator – Great Fire of London | |
| FOOD | Baking Bread | |
| TECHNOLOGY | Christmas Baking | |
| MUSIC | Pulse & rhythm Songs and chants Untuned instruments Christmas songs Christmas Production Songs | |
| RE | Jesus the Healer – Looking after each other and our families | Celebrations - Christmas |
| PE | Manchester United Foundation Coaching | Gymnastics- Pathways |
| PSHE | Circle Time – New Beginnings | |