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Year 2



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Welcome to Year 2

Hello and welcome to Year 2,

We hope that you find all of the information in this leaflet useful. If you have any further questions about the term ahead please do let us know so that we can arrange a time to talk to you.

There are a few things that you can do to help us:

- Please ensure that your child brings their reading record and reading book to school every day.
- Please ensure that your child's clothing (cardigans, jumpers and coats in particular!) are named.
- Please do not hesitate to let us know if your child struggles with a piece of homework (a note on the actual piece of homework or in their reading record is fine).

Thank you!

The Year 2 team.

Daily Routines.

We encourage each child to learn and follow simple daily routines in order to make them independent and responsible for their own belongings. It would be an enormous help to the staff and your child if you could support this by doing the following:

- Lining up with your child's class once the school bell has rung.
- Labelling all belongings including clothes, PE kits and shoes.
- Ensuring your child has their PE kit in school every day
- Ensuring your child has their book bag and lunch box (if they need one) with them in the morning.
- Waiting for your child at the end of each day in the KS1 playground.



Topics for this term.

Literacy

In our Literacy lessons we focus on 'talk for writing' which involves the children spending time investigating and discussing texts with the teacher and their peers to enable them to produce extended pieces of writing. Themes for writing will include stories from a familiar settings and instruction writing.

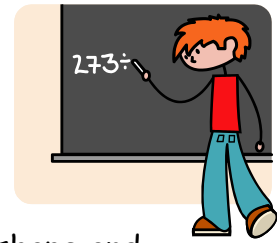
The current curriculum has a significant focus on accurate grammar, punctuation and using the correct tense when talking or writing. In addition, children will need to know and use these terms:

noun, noun phrase, adjective, adverb, verb, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, conjunction, suffix, tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma

In school your child will be part of a guided reading group through which their teacher will help them develop their reading and comprehension skills. Please ensure that your child continues to read at home every evening for at least 10 minutes and that you complete their Reading Record book by commenting daily and signing it at the end of each week. It is always beneficial if you read to your child whenever possible including time to talk about their enjoyment and understanding too.

Have a look at this website for ideas to support your child...

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy



Mathematics

Maths is taught in daily maths lessons based on National curriculum guidance. This term we focus extensively on place value, shape and data handling. Regular use on Numicon, Dienes and other manipulative resources really reinforce the concept of number. We shall use every opportunity to develop pupils' mathematical fluency using a highly practical approach as this is a key objective for the year. Dice, card and counting games at home can support these skills.

Please encourage your child to learn their number partners up to 20 as they form the foundation of mental calculations and will be used and tested in school frequently.

For more information about what your children will be learning in maths throughout the year please visit our website www.welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk. You can also find a useful vocabulary list, some games you might wish to play with your child and a document outlining the progression of written methods in mathematics.

RE

This term we will begin by looking at Creation Stories. We will then learn about Harvest and the value of sharing with others and this fits with the whole school theme of Generosity this term. Our Christmas work will focus on the Three Wise Men and the significance of their gifts.

Cross Curricular Work

This term's topic is called 'All Around Us'. It is primarily a science and geography based topic but takes in other curriculum areas too.

We will:

- Make a study of the local environment, using enquiry skills to observe and record changes eg: the seasonal changes in the Nature Reserve.
- Look at animals, including humans, to learn about how they change over time, what they need to survive.
- Discover the different properties and uses of materials
- Make maps and follow directions.



Computing

In computing teach the children about **e.safety** e.g. being safe when using the Internet. Through the Purple Mash teaching programme the children will learn about coding and spread sheets.



Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit each week and that each item is really clearly named, thank you. Don't forget long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed or covered up.

Homework

In line with the school policy on homework this term we will be sending homework as follows:

- **Reading** please ensure that your child continues to read their book and flashcards at home every evening for at least 10 minutes and that you complete their Reading Record book by commenting each day on your child's progress at home and by signing it at the end of each week. The 'Helping your child with reading' booklet for parents gives you more information on how to further develop reading skills.
- **Spelling** homework will be given out on Friday and tested the following Friday in their spelling book. More information about how to support your child with spelling can be found on the inside cover of their book. The children will practise spellings using the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method and other spelling strategies. In class we will also revise and consolidate their phonic knowledge. Thank you for supporting your child.
- **Maths** homework will be given out on a regular basis later in the year. For both classes this is sent home on Friday and should be returned as soon as possible the following week. Thank you for your support.

Looking Smart in School Uniform.

Our school uniform is simple and practical, intended to keep the children looking smart and contributing to a feeling of belonging to the school.

Girls

- White blouse or polo shirt.
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or tailored trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt or cardigan.
- In the winter, grey or white socks or grey tights.
- In the summer, pink (not red) check cotton dress and plain white socks.





Boys

- White shirt or white polo shirt.
- Grey long or short trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt.
- Plain grey socks.

All children also require:

- Plain sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers).
- School book bag.
- Water bottle.
- Sun hat.

Sports

- Coloured house T-shirt (Blue - Normans, Red - Vikings, Green - Romans, Yellow - Saxons). These are available for purchase through the school office.
- Plain black P.E. shorts
- Trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside games in colder weather

It is helpful if the children keep their P.E. kit in a named drawstring bag to hang on their peg rather than a backpack or a large kitbag.

Jewellery, hair and nails

We do not allow jewellery in school as it can be a source of danger in P.E. Pierced ears should have a stud only. Earrings have to be removed or taped for P.E. Long hair must be tied back for games.

We would also appreciate it if children with long hair could tie it back during the general school day with plain and simple bands, clips or ribbons in brown, black or maroon.

Boys hair should be a traditional style and neither too short or too long. No 'fashion' cuts are allowed. Nail varnish should be removed before the start of each school day.

The school and Local Authority do not accept liability for loss or damage to personal property and we therefore do not encourage children to bring such items, including toys to school.

Thank you for your support.

Timetable

Below we have given you a chart showing when equipment and homework should be in school. You could use this to organise your week and encourage your child to become more independent in organising their time.

	YOU NEED TO BRING	SPELLING HOMEWORK	CLUBS/ OTHER
Monday	Reading Book Reading Record PE kit		
Tuesday	Reading Book Reading Record PE kit		
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Friday	Reading Book Reading Record PE kit	Spelling book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling tests• New lists home	Maths homework (once issued).

Important Dates

Friday 27 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning - all welcomed
Tuesday 1 st October	Lego Robotics PTFA meeting
Thursday 3 rd October	Cricket skills (Every Thursday for 6 weeks)
Thursday 10 th October	Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church
Friday 11 th October	PTFA Quiz Night
Wednesday 23 rd October	Consultation evening
Thursday 24 th October	Consultation evening
Friday 25 th October	AT2 class assembly @ 2.40pm
Monday 28/10 - 01/11	Half Term
Friday 22 nd November	School closed: Occasional day
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 4 th December	Key stage 1 Christmas Production 1.20pm & 6pm
Thursday 5 th November	Key stage 1 Christmas Production 9am
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Pantomime trip: Gordon Craig Theatre.
Friday 20 th December	Term ends: 1.20pm

Please keep checking the monthly newsletters for other events.

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their support to hear children read in school and help with other activities. Your time and skills make an invaluable contribution to the school year. **If you would like to come in and help please let us know - we would love to make good use of your talents.**

Finally, thank you to all of you for continuing to support your child with their reading, spelling, maths and other projects at home.

The Year 2 team