

Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School

Summer Term

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Year 2



Welcome back to Year 2

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Hello and welcome back to Year 2 and the Summer term!

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 continue to 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 and jumpers 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).

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:

- Enable your child to line up with the class once the school bell has rung.
- Label all belongings including clothes, PE kits and shoes.
- Ensure your child has their PE kit on the correct days (S2 - Tuesday and AK2 Friday).
- Ensure your child has their book bag and lunch box (if they need one) with them in the morning.
- Wait for your child at the end of each day in the KS1 playground.

Looking Smart in School Uniform

Our school uniform is simple and practical, intended to keep the children looking smart and contribute 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.
- School sun hat.

Sports

- Coloured house T-shirt (Blue - Normans, Red - Vikings, Green - Romans, Yellow - Saxons)-can be purchased from school.
- Plain black P.E. shorts
- Trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside games in colder weather

Children should wear their PE clothes to school on their PE days. **Please check that your child's plimsolls are the correct size, thank you.**

Jewellery, hair and nails

Pupils should not wear jewellery in school as it can be a source of danger in P.E. Children with pierced ears should only have a stud. Stud earrings have to be removed or taped for P.E. Long hair must be tied back for games.

Children with long hair should tie it back during the general school day with a plain and simple band, clip or ribbon in brown, black or maroon to help keep hair out of the way when working in class too.

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.

Thank you for your support.

Themes for this term

Science: Plants and animal growth Friction

During this term, we will be looking at both plant and animal life, food chains and growth and development. We will incubate hens' eggs, watch them hatch and observe their development during the first 10 days of life.

Activities will encourage the children to develop their skills of enquiry, observation and recording, whilst making them aware of what is needed to take care of living things. We will be growing a tomato plant from seed and observing stages of growth recording observations in a plant diary.

We will understand how things move, that forces create pushes and pulls. We will carry out experiments about wind resistance and incorporate this into our Kite making design topic.

Design and Technology: Puppets and Kites

We will complete our puppet designs this term. This Technology unit of work focuses on how to join pieces of fabrics and how to use a pattern to cut out shapes. In addition, we will make simple wheeled vehicles and look at the construction needed to support moving parts.

History: Famous People

We will find out about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 moon landing. Using original footage, interviews and news reports we will investigate this historic mission.

Alongside our science and geography learning we will find out about David Attenborough and how his life as a naturalist has widened our understanding of the natural world and raised questions about how we share our planet with other living things.

Geography: Continents

7 continents underpin our land masses. We will learn about these fundamental parts of the world, use maps and Google Earth to help discover where they are, and look at what happens when continents move.

Homework and Helping your child

Once again, many thanks for all your support both at school and home.

- **Reading:** Please continue to read and *talk about* reading with and to your child. A little bit each day makes such an impact and the 'talking bit' helps to further develop their ability to explain their understanding clearly.
- **Spelling** will continue every Friday. Remember, a little bit of practice every night really pays off.
- **Maths** homework will also continue. Thank you for your valued help and support in completing this on time.

Timetable

This chart shows 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	HOMEWORK
Monday	Reading Book Reading Record	
Tuesday	Reading Book Reading Record PE day	
Wednesday	Reading Book Reading Record	
Thursday	Reading Book Reading Record	Maths homework due in.
Friday	Reading Book Reading Record PE day	Spelling book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling tests• New lists home

Finally, thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading, spelling, maths and other projects at home. It's been a disrupted year for everyone making our home and school partnership even more important than ever and we look forward to continuing to work together.

We are really happy to have everyone back in school and working so hard and look forward to a fun and successful term ahead.

The year 2 team.