

Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School

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Year 2



Welcome to Year 2

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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, hoodies and coats in particular!) is 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:

- Labelling all belongings including clothes, PE kits, shoes and water bottles.
- Ensuring your child has their book bag and lunch box (if they need one) with them in the morning.
- Children do not need a pencil case.
- Ensuring that reading books and home learning books are returned to school each day and maths homework books are returned to school on time (these will be provided after half term).



Topics for this term.

English

In our English 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.

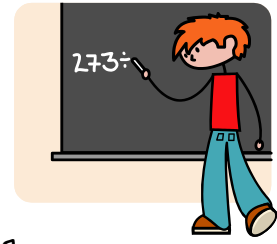
The current curriculum has a significant focus on accurate grammar, punctuation and using the correct tense when talking or writing. In addition, children will need to know and use these terms:

noun, proper noun, noun phrase, adjective, adverb, verb, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound word, conjunction, suffix, tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma, digraph, split-digraph, phoneme.

In school, your child is part of a guided reading group through which we 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 to read **to** your child whenever possible and include time to talk about their enjoyment and understanding.

All Y2 children will be tested on their phonic knowledge as required by the government phonic screening programme. Phonic lessons will take place daily in class and are fed into every aspect of the children's learning.

Have a look at the school website for ideas to support your child www.welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk.



Mathematics

Maths is taught in daily maths lessons based on National curriculum guidance and through the Hertfordshire Maths Essentials Programme. This term we focus extensively on place value, number bonds and number knowledge. Regular use on Numicon, Diennes 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 and see the maths knowledge organisers on Google Classroom.

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 Thankfulness this term. Our Christmas work will focus on the Three Wise Men and the part they play in the story of Jesus' birth. In particular, we will look at the significance of their gifts and link the symbolism of these gifts to the traditions of today.

Science

In science this term we will be looking at our natural environment and seasonal changes. We will study the local environment, using enquiry skills to observe and record changes eg: the seasonal changes in the Nature Reserve including seed dispersal. We will be learning about the different properties and uses of materials.



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. Google Classroom will be used to support learning and homework where appropriate.



Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate PE kit on their PE days and that each item is clearly named. As the weather cools, please ensure your child is warm enough in their kit. Don't forget long hair will need to be tied back and we will ensure that earrings are removed or covered up.

Homework and working in partnership with you.

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 Home Learning Book each day with a comment on your child's progress at home. Please sign 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. This can be found on Google Classroom.
- **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. It makes such a difference. The spellings will be put on Google Classroom each week.
- After half term, **Maths** homework will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned as soon as possible the following week but at the latest by Thursday for marking. This is a great opportunity to work alongside your child. Thank you for your support. Additional maths work at home may be recorded in the Home Learning Book.

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
- Black tracksuits for outside games and colder weather

It is great that the children come to school in their kits on PE days. We hope it is easier for you to keep track of their kits and thank you for supporting us with this adaptation.

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 <i>PE day</i>	Reading Book Reading Record		
Tuesday	Reading Book Reading Record		
Wednesday <i>PE day</i>	Reading Book Reading Record		
Thursday	Reading Book Reading Record		Maths homework (by Thursday latest)
Friday	Reading Book Reading Record	Spelling book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling tests• New lists home	

Please keep checking the monthly newsletters for dates and school events.

Please help us by hearing your own child read at home each night and, whenever possible, read to them. Your support for spelling and maths homework is also much appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to support your child and we look forward to working with you and your family in the coming year.

The Year 2 team