



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back and welcome to Year 2! The children are beginning to adapt to life in their new year group and the new routines we have put in place to keep the children safe. It has been a privilege to get to know them over the last few weeks and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead- they are a lovely class! So far this year we have recapped on the Year 1 learning objectives as well as touching briefly on Year 2 learning. We have also spent plenty of time in our great forest school area and kept as active as we can outside. We are lucky to be joined this year by Mrs Elkins, who will be joining us each morning and also on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. I hope that this newsletter will answer any questions that you have about the upcoming term. If you have any unanswered questions or would like to speak to me about anything (however small), feel free to grab me at the end of the day or alternatively, contact me via my email (lucy.clarke@allsoulsschool.co.uk).

Autumn Term Curriculum

The curriculum this year will be somewhat different to that previously as we take stock of the many months in school that the children have missed out on. Currently we are focusing on the children's emotional, physical and mental well-being, whilst carrying out a number of baseline assessments which will be used to plan a very targeted and personalised curriculum. For this reason, it is not yet possible to give a full breakdown of the curriculum that will be taught in English and Maths, as it will very much depend upon the outcomes of our baseline assessments. For other curriculum areas, however, the table below gives a brief overview of the planned units/themes that will be covered in Year 2 this term. This is, of course, subject to change as particular aspects of the curriculum may need to be prioritised. To keep updated with our planned curriculum, please regularly check the Year 2 page on the school website.

RE	Understanding stories from the Old Testament including the stories of Noah, Jonah, Abraham and Isaac and Daniel.
Science	Everyday Materials: comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses, finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed. Animals Including Humans: Knowing that animals have offspring which grow into adults, describing the basic needs of animals for survival and understanding the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.
PE	Wednesday: orienteering Thursday: multi-skills

Year 2 Expectations

Homework

Spellings will be set on a Friday with a spelling test happening the following Friday. As the term progresses I hope to also send home additional work to support the learning that is taking place within the classroom. We are also looking at ways to deliver this content electronically as we believe that homework can play an important role within our recovery curriculum.

Reading

In addition to their other homework, your child should also be reading at home on a (almost) daily basis with an adult. For the time being, children should not bring their reading records into school. We would, however, encourage them to use these at home to keep a diary of their reading. We are in the process of getting children back onto the school reading scheme. We will, however, be issuing children with several books at a time to take home and read, before returning them all at the same time. This is to limit the frequency of items coming in and out of school. When books are returned to school, there will be a box for them to be placed in within the classroom so that they can be fully disinfected before being returned to the bookcases. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as this is absolutely critical to their development in Literacy. Please expose your child not only to the reading scheme books provided by school, but also to further material such as magazines, encyclopaedias and other books by their favourite authors. They may not be able to read these independently, but sharing different books with your child will nurture their love of reading and hugely benefit their academic development.

Miscellaneous Messages

- Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school each day, labelled with their name.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13th October 2020- Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th October 2020- Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October 2020- School closes for Half Term

Monday 2nd November 2020 - Back to school (Autumn 2)

Sunday 29th November 2020- First Sunday of Advent

Friday 18th December 2020 - School closes for Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January 2021 - Back to school (Spring 1)

**Please stay up to date with dates for your diary and any changes that may occur by regularly checking our school webpage and the Y2 blog.*

Kind Regards,

L. Clarke