

# YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM LETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020








Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year. We already have lots of exciting activities and lessons planned for the children. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Our Year 2 team is:

- 2A – Miss Ingram (Teacher, Year 2 Lead & KS1 Assistant Head Teacher), Miss Welsh (SCITT) and Ms Coats (SSA)
- 2B – Miss Boylan (Teacher) and Mr Owen (LSA)
- 2C – Mrs Lucus (Teacher) and Mrs Winfield (LSA)
- PPA - Miss T King (Teacher)



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## Learning planned for this term: (some changes for the Autumn Term)

**English** – We will be using **Little Red Riding Hood**, **The Three Little Pigs** and **Diary Entries** as our core texts for the first term. We will be learning warning & monster stories and diaries building on what we learnt in Year 1. We will be looking at the skills and the structures of these types of texts.

- ✓ You can help with handwriting and making sure sentences have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops (or ? / !) at the end.

**Phonics** – We have phonics every day. Phonics during the Autumn term will be in classes rather than in groups. We will let you know once sets start up again.

- ✓ There are some great free phonics games at [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) and Oxford Owl free e:books at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

**Maths** – We will be teaching the **5 strands**, one per day, each week. We will be looking at learning number and counting skills to add, subtract, order numbers, time, shapes, money, number sequences including patterns, problem solving and reasoning. Please practice counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and then learn them as times tables. Maths during the Autumn term will be in classes rather than in groups. We will let you know once sets start up again.

- ✓ There are lots of maths games to be explored at [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

**Science** – In our **Materials** topic we will be learning about distinguishing between an object and the material, how solids change shape, the suitability of materials for different uses, the life and work of John Dunlop and completing an investigation with Humpty Dumpty's help.

- ✓ There are lots of science activities to be explored at KS1 BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>

**Topic** – **Wonder Women and Incredible Inventors**. These lessons include Geography, History, Art, Cooking and D&T.

- ✓ You could design and invent your own new and exciting thing. Write about what it is and then create it using things from around the house.

**RE** – Out topics are **Important People** and **Special Things**

**PSHE** – We will start with lots of activities about returning to school and settling back in following our 6 months off school. Our topics then are **Getting on & falling out** and **becoming better learners**

- ✓ There are lots of Yoga and mindfulness activities at [www.cosmickids.com](http://www.cosmickids.com)

**Computing** – Our topics are **we are astronauts** and **we are game testers**.

**PE** – Our topics are **unihockey**, **rugby**, **gym** and **dance**. See additional information on PE below.

**Music** – **Duration**, **pulse** and **rhythm**.



## **PE: (important changes for the Autumn Term)**

Year 2 PE will be every **TUESDAY**. Children **MUST** come to school on a Tuesday in their PE kit and not in their normal school uniform. This is part of the current government guidelines for schools. Our school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts / joggers and a jumper. Children **MUST** have appropriate trainers / plimsolls. PE will be outside as much as possible. We will let you know when things return to normal.



## **Home learning:**

Your child will be bringing home a jigsaw puzzle of Home learning. Each week pick an activity of the jigsaw and complete in your home learning book, it is your choice how to present the learning in the book. This is due in on the following Wednesday. In addition, on Friday of each week your child will be given phonics (spellings) home learning, these will be stuck into your child's fish book so please make sure it is in school. Spelling tests will take place each Friday.



## **Absence:**

While we hope that your child is never absent from school, if they are then please ensure that you send a letter, telephone the school or speak to the class teacher. Please also make sure that all of your contact details are up to date so that we can contact you if your child is unwell.



## **Handwriting:**

We would like you to practice number and letter formation weekly with your child. It is important that their letters and numbers are formed correctly. There is a sheet at the back of their fish books to help you.



## **Reading: (important changes for the Autumn Term)**

Our reading books have been carefully chosen to engage children in reading as well as matching their reading ability. If books are misplaced, lost or damaged there will be a small charge of £5 per book to cover the cost of replacing it. We hope that you love the books as much as we do. Your child will get two reading books:

- Love of Reading Book – changed once a week
- RWI Book Bag Book – changed when your child's class teacher feels they are ready to. They could have a book for more than a week, this is to ensure that children have a good understanding of the sounds in each book.

Your child reads daily at school so please make sure they have their reading book every day. They will benefit more if heard regularly at home. **Please read with your child as often as possible and record it in their fish book.**



## **Bug Club:**

This is a great website to support your child with their reading. There are options for children to be read to or to read themselves. It is packed with lots of books matched to your child's reading ability. Please use on a regular basis to support your child's progress. If you need additional books adding please let us know. Login details are stuck in your child's fish book.



## **Timetables Rock Stars:**

This has been set up to match your child's timetable level, this is great fun and the children really enjoying playing on it. By May all children need to know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Please use on a regular basis with your child. There is also an app version that you can download. Login details are stuck in your child's fish book.



## **Drinks: (important changes for the Autumn Term)**

Please ensure that your child brings in a bottle of water to school for the classroom, we will not be able to give them cups of water in class. Children will be keeping their water bottles on their desk until further notice.



## **Golden Values:**

Everyone is expected to follow our Golden Values. These are as follows:

### **Our Golden Values**

#### **We show respect by:**

- Being honest
- Being kind, helpful and gentle
- Looking after property
- Listening
- Doing our best



Letters will be sent home with further information closer to the time regarding the flu vaccine, phonics screening check (as this didn't happen at the end of Year 1, it will be at the end of the Autumn term), trips, Christmas production and the fabulous finish.

We hope that your child enjoys this new chapter of their learning journey. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Miss Ingram & Miss Welsh (2A)

Miss Boylan (2B)

Mrs Lucas (2C)

Miss King