



# Year 2 Autumn Term



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! For those who I have not had the opportunity to meet, I would like to give you all a big, warm welcome to Year 2 and introduce myself as your child's Year 2 teacher with Mr. Bryan as our learning support practitioner. I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and you are ready to begin working hard in Year 2, especially now we are finally back in school and finding our new normal. We have some exciting learning coming up during this term: below is the key curriculum information for this term.

## **English**

We will be exploring a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts during the autumn term. Each week children will do an extended piece of writing to practise the process of planning, drafting and making improvements to their own work as well as their peers. Writing will also be developed through the curriculum.

Guided reading will continue to take place each week and home reading books will be allocated to each pupil. Children will have a weekly reading comprehension session in order to develop their understanding of texts. Please remember to record any reading in your child's reading record where possible.

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) will be also be taught throughout English lessons. There is a huge emphasis on spelling in the Year 6 SATs and we want to prepare the children well in advance therefore it is crucial that children are learning their spellings at home each week. Handwriting will be practised throughout the week in school with the focus forming the letters correctly and beginning to develop how to join letters and joining letters as well.

## **Maths**

The topics that will be covered in maths during the autumn term are:

- ✓ Place value
- ✓ Addition and Subtraction
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Length and Height
- ✓ Multiplication and division
- ✓ Geometry

We will be adding additional focus on learning our times tables and division facts for the 2, 3, 5- and 10-times tables to begin with in preparation for Key Stage 2. Any practise at home would continue to help.

## **Topic**

Our autumn term topic will be CHOCOLATE! Throughout the topic the children, will be developing a number of different skills as they look at how chocolate is made, how it is packaged and designed leading to us creating our own versions. We will also be taking part in Art and looking at portraits, proportions, colour and creating colours as well as details as well as looking at the work of Clarice Cliff, Damien Hurst and Jullian Opie. In History, we will be looking at a local historical

figure – Annie Lennard – why she is significant and how they had an effect on the lives we live today.

### **Science**

During this term, children will be learning about properties of materials, including how they can be manipulated and changed as well as why they are suited to different purposes. They will begin to look at how to report and analyse on experiments we do in class. This will be good practise for reflecting on their learning and how to make improvements for the next time they complete a similar task. As we continue in the term, our focus will shift towards looking at living things and their habitats, how they have adapted to survive in different climates and the food they eat.

### **PE**

PE will be led by Mr Forman and will take place on a Monday and Thursday afternoons. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kits without wearing any jewellery on these days as PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum.

### **Music**

Children will be learning music through specialised music teachers from Sandwell Music Services. We hope to give children the opportunity to explore how to learn and play a musical instrument that could lead in to developing talents later on in school life and beyond, following the current guidelines related to music and instruments in school.

### **RE**

This term the children will begin to explore different religions. They will begin the term by looking what it means to be kind using the teachings of Jesus. After half term, we will be looking at festivals and celebrations. We shall look at how different religions celebrate and compare and contrast similarities and differences between them. We will also look at the importance of Remembrance and the significance of remembering these events.

### **PSHE**

To begin the new term the focus in PSHE will be based on the theme of 'Being me in my world'. This will support children in settling back into school after the summer and previous few months disruptions as well as supporting children to adapt to Year 2. We will then move onto learning out celebrating differences after half term.

### **Computing**

This term the children will begin to develop their knowledge on how to safely log on to computers, online services and how to improve keyboard skills as well as looking at using presentation and word processing software. Many of these activities will be completed online using Purple Mash. Each child will have a personal login which will be sent home with them. If you need a replacement copy, then please come and speak to me. Throughout computing, the children will also be exploring e-safety and how they can keep themselves online.

It has been a wonderful start to the year getting to meet your children and I cannot wait to explore, develop and advance our learning together. If you have any questions, then please get in contact with me following the school's current procedures.

Mr. Nelson