

Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Hello and welcome back to school. We hope you've all had a wonderful summer break and are all eager to start the new year. We're excited for everything we have planned. Please find below lots of key information about the Autumn term arrangements and important information in order for us to all have a successful term.

Classes and Teachers

2P will be taught by Mrs Pollitt. Mr Goodman will teach 2P on Thursday and Fridays.

2B will be taught by Miss Broughton. Ms Richardson will teach 2B on Thursday mornings.

Miss Campbell and Miss Putnam will be the teaching assistants across Year 2.



PE

PE days are on Wednesday and Friday. Please could children have the correct **labelled** PE kit which consists of:

- a white t-shirt
- a pair of blue shorts
- a pair of black pumps or trainers

The PE kit should be in a labelled bag and will be kept in school until October half term.



Core Subjects and Arrangements

In English and Maths we will be building on what the children have previously learnt in Year 1.

We work in three Maths groups across Year 2 so that we can deliver teaching which fits with the children's needs and supports their learning. The children will be taught by either Miss Clarke, our Assistant Head, Mrs Pollitt or Miss Broughton. These will start in October. We will focus on Place Value, Calculating, Shape, Time and Money this term.

In English we will mainly focus on fictional writing. We will be developing our use of adjectives and conjunctions to further improve our creative writing. During reading lessons, children will work on their fluency and understanding of texts, whilst also learning strategies for how to answer a variety of comprehension questions

In Science, we will be learning about animals needs and their lifecycles, including a visit from the RSPCA! After half-term we will learn about different food groups and how to stay healthy.



Foundation Subjects

This half term we will be focusing on Geography and Art as our foundation subjects.

We will be focusing on the theme of Weather in Geography and in Art we will be focusing on drawing plants and creating pieces of art in the Fauvist style.

After half-term, we will be looking at the Great Fire of London in History and learning about different kinds of inputs in Computing.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle filled with unflavoured water. The children will have access to these throughout the day. Squash is allowed at break and lunchtime only. For break time the children have the option to select a piece of fruit, which Key Stage 1 children receive for free or they can bring in a healthy snack from home. Healthy snack ideas are as follows;



- a cereal bar
- a yoghurt which does not require a spoon
- a cheese style snack such as a Cheesestring

Please do not send your child in with any crisps or chocolate based snacks as they won't be able to have them.



Reading

Children need to bring in their book bags every day. They will have two Reading lessons throughout the week and read with in a group at another time.

Please read with your child as much as possible and whenever you do please sign their Reading Record, this can be in the form of the date, a small comment and/or a smiley face and your initials.

To support your child further, you could ask questions about the books or characters and enjoy reading other books and stories together.

Homework

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At the welcome meeting, the children will receive their MyMaths usernames and passwords. MyMaths homework is set every Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Friday. We would also like children to continue to use Numbots as much as possible. We will send out their passwords again soon.

The children will also have a foundation subject based piece of homework and this term it will be based around Geography. More information will be supplied about this shortly.

Every week children will have a set of spellings to learn.

In addition to this, the children are encouraged to read their reading books throughout the week. All homework will be emailed every Friday.

How to contact us

The best way to contact us is via email on year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us via email and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We will always contact you via email so please ensure you check regularly.

The Year 2 Team

Dates for your diary:

13th September, 9am - Y2 Welcome meeting. This is a chance to meet the Year 2 teachers and learn more about the year ahead.

29th November, 9am - Parent Share. Here we will invite you into school to share with you our Science work from the term.