



Hello and welcome back to school! We hope you've 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 details in order for us to all have a successful term.

### Classes and Teachers

Year 2 will be taught by Mrs. Pollitt. Mr. Goodman will teach 2P on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss. Campbell will be the teaching assistant for Year 2. Please



approach any of us with your questions.

### PE

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday.



Please could children have the correct labelled PE kit which consists of:

- a white t-shirt
- a pair of blue shorts and/or joggers.
- a pair of black pumps or trainers

The PE kit should be in a labelled bag.

### Core Subjects and Arrangements

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

In Maths, we will initially focus on place value and then move onto learning informal methods for addition and subtraction. After half term, the children will be learning all about 2D and 3D shapes before finishing the term with multiplication and division.

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, Art and Music as our foundation subjects.

We will be focusing on the theme of Weather in Geography and in Art we will be learning skills to draw plants. The children will create pieces of work to reflect the world around them in their Music unit 'Musical Me'.

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

### Reading

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



Please read with your child as much as possible. This should be at least 3 times a week. 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.

We will reward those who have read at home with a raffle ticket. We know this by looking at your comments in their reading record. At the end of each half-term, we will pick 5 raffle tickets to win a book.

### Birthdays

We are making a small change to how we celebrate birthdays in school. Instead of bringing sweets or treats to share, each child will now receive a special birthday card, made just for them by another child at Grendon. This way, birthdays are still celebrated in a thoughtful way.



### Homework



Homework will be sent out **every Friday on Teams** and will include spellings and a MyMaths task which is expected to be completed by the following Friday. We would also like children to continue to use Numbots as much as possible and expect children to be reading at least 3 times a week as part of their weekly homework.

The children will also have a foundation subject based piece of homework and this half-term it will have a Geography focus.

More information will be supplied about this shortly.

### How to contact us

The best way to contact us is via email on [year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk)

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to use the email address above and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Year 2 Team

### Dates for your diary:

**16th September, 9am** - Y2 Welcome meeting. This is a chance to meet the Year 2 teacher and learn more about the year ahead. Please try to attend.

**2nd December, 9am** - Parent Share. Here we will invite you into school to share with you our Science work from the term.