

### **Homework**

We encourage all children to read for a short time every day at home. This year we will be using a 'rocket' reward system whereby, for every week they read four or more times at home they move up a star. Once they reach the moon they will get to choose a prize from the brain box. Your child will read most days at school either independently or to an adult. This may not always be their individual reading book, this book is for your child to read to you at home. As the children become more fluent, we will encourage them to take responsibility for changing their reading book once it has been read. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. It really helps them!

Children will be given spellings and homework on Monday which should be returned by Friday. Spellings will be tested on Friday morning. Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each week. Each piece of work reinforces work already covered in school and should take approximately 15 minutes. (These times are a guideline - some pieces may take less time, some more.)

Each term we would also like the children to contribute towards the class topic. This half term we would like the children to use recycled materials to make either a castle or dragon. It would be nice to have these in just after half term, (or earlier if you would prefer). Thank you!

### **Expectations in Year 2**

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

### **Class rewards**

House points and stickers are given to individuals as reward for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work.

We will be holding a workshop to give you a little more information about life in Year 2 and the tests at the end of the year on Tuesday 3rd October from 2.30 to 3.00pm.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries please pop in!

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable year in Year 2!

Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,  
Sam Lane and Louisa Cudmore



# Year 2 Class Booklet—Autumn Term

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We are really excited to be teaching your children this year! We have written this newsletter to keep you up to date with what your child will be learning during the Autumn Term (although we are sure some things will change as we go along). Our topic this term will be Dragons and Castles.

Mrs Cudmore will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Lane will teach Wednesday to Friday. Mr Bennetts and Mr Rickard will take the children for PE on Wednesday afternoon.

### **English**

In English, this term, we will be exploring and writing poems, writing a set of instructions explaining how to look after a pet dragon, exploring the characters and settings of stories and focus on the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. We will write our own version of the story using characters from 'Tell Me a Dragon'.

Every term the children will be participating in the following on going activities:

- Comprehension based on different texts.
- Weekly spellings to learn at home based on a spelling pattern.
- Grammar exercises.
- Group guided reading once a week.
- Individual reading either independently or to an adult.
- Handwriting practice—focussing on ascenders and descenders.
- Daily Letters and Sounds lessons.

### **Maths**

In maths we will be adopting the mastery approach and will continue to build on your child's knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and exploring the relationships between the different operations. We will also be developing their knowledge of counting, time, use of money, measures and fractions. By the end of Year 2, most children should know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They should be able to recall these facts quickly and randomly.

This term we will be exploring:

- ◆ Number and Place Value
- ◆ Addition and Subtraction
- ◆ Measurement—money
- ◆ Multiplication and Division

### **Science**

This term our topic is 'Animals'. We will be learning how animals have offspring that grow into adults and think about how children have changed since they were babies. Look at various life cycles and find out what animals need to survive. Study balanced diets and exercise, which help keep humans fit and healthy.

### **RE**

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism. We will be learning about the Hindu festival of Divali, create Rangoli patterns and read the story of Rama and Sita. We will also learn about Hindu Gods and Hindu places of worship. We will be learning about Christmas and why it is important to Christians.

### **Computing**

This term we will learn about the importance of and how to stay safe online. We will be using the Ipads and the Book Creator App to create our own E-books about our trip to Restormel Castle. We will also be exploring animation and link this to our English work on Dragons and Castles.

### **PSED / Forest Schools**

Each Wednesday we will visit the Science Garden for Forest School Activities (please send in waterproof clothing and wellie boots). Throughout the term the children will play lots of different games encouraging them to play and get along with each other and follow the class rules encouraging them to be thoughtful, independent and mindful about their learning.

### **Topic**

We will be covering the curriculum in History, Geography, Design and Technology and Art through a topic each term. This term our topic is 'Castles'. On Tuesday 26th September we will be visiting Restormel Castle. In Art we will be studying the artist Paul Klee and creating our own version of his painting entitled 'Castle and Sun'. In DT we will be designing and making a vehicle for Father Christmas.

### **Music**

We will be focusing on the song 'Hands, Feet, Heart' by Joanna Mangona. A song that celebrates South African music. After half term we will be learning and practising the songs for this years Christmas Play. Watch this space for further details!

### **PE**

This half term the children will have PE on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Bennetts. Within our PE this term we will focus on multi skills. Your child may wear leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor P.E. lessons when the weather starts to get cooler, however please ensure your child has black shorts and a blue school t-shirt for indoor P.E. lessons. A **named** P.E. kit should be in school at all times.