Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn Term

Dear Families,

We hope you have had an amazing summer and have rested, ready for the new school year. We are excited to welcome all of the children and families into Year 2 and are looking forward to getting stuck into new learning which is highlighted overleaf.

The Year 2 team is Mrs Sophie Cliff who teaches in Davies Class and Miss Lisa Boyle who teaches in Percival Class. Miss Martin, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Sowter and Miss McAuliffe will be supporting across Year 2.

This term our focus is on our history topic, where we are learning about 'The Great Fire of London.' We will be exploring what London was like 1666, how the fire started and why it spread so quickly as well as how it changed London and firefighting across the UK today.

Please do not hesitate to approach any of the staff with your questions and concerns. We will be available via class dojo to message regarding queries and worries, particularly as we settle in to the new academic year.

The Year 2 Team

PE

Year 2's PE day will be every Monday in the autumn term. This lesson will be outdoors. Children should come to school dressed in their correct PE kit. This kit is a white/plain t shirt, black or bottle green joggers or shorts, black or black and white trainers and a plain black or green school hoodie. Please can we ensure no jewellery is worn and earrings are removed on PE days.

Snacks and water

We will be promoting healthy eating in school. Children will be offered fruit for their mid-morning snack or they can bring their own fruit from home. Children should bring a labelled bottle with fresh water to school daily.

Home learning expectations

*Reading (At least 3x per week)
*Numbots
*Maths arithmetic and spelling sheet – *Given out on a Monday and to be returned by the following Monday.*

Autumn Term 1: Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October

English

We are continuing to use drawing club at the beginning of year 2. We will be focusing on a variety of different fiction and non-fiction texts and our focus for this half term is; full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and introducing expanded noun phrases. In reading, we are continuing to teach phonics until October to consolidate the children's phonics learning. We are also doing two reading lessons a week, focusing on the story 'The naughtiest unicorn'.

Maths

This term's maths learning is all about place value, recognising and becoming confident with numbers to 100. We will also revisit addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers and practise solving calculations with missing numbers.

PSHE and My Happy Mind

Our My Happy Mind lessons will focus on the unit 'Meet Your Brain.' The children will learn about the three parts of the brain and how they work. They will find ways in which they can help their brain to work well in different situations.

Physical Education

Our PE unit this half term is 'Orienteering.' We will introduce the children to cardinal directions (N, S, E, W) and use these in simple orienteering activities. They will take part in active games and scavenger hunts where will they practise giving and following directions to solve problems.

Science

During science lessons this term, the children will be exploring the suitability and properties of everyday materials, as well as the way that some solid materials change through manipulation.

Computing

This term's computing work is all about using applications and their tools on the iPad to support with our learning across the curriculum. The children will learn how to add shapes, images and text and how to change they way they look.

DT

In DT, the children will explore shapes and materials through designing and making a chair for Baby Bear inspired by the story of Goldilocks and the three bears.

Music

The children will learn an African song called 'Hands, Feet, Heart' and learn about the dimensions of music including pulse, rhythm and pitch whilst singing and playing instruments.