

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer holidays and are ready to start the new school year. Welcome to Year 2! We are St Christopher's Class. We aim to work together so that we have an exciting and productive year. We hope you are looking forward to the new opportunities and challenges that Year 2 has to offer!



### **Year Two Routine**

The everyday routine for Year 2 is very similar to last year. The KS1 door opens at **8:40am** for children to begin the school day. Children will still come in through this door. For safety reasons we do not allow adults past this door. However a member of the KS1 team will be on duty and any messages can be passed through them. If you would like to speak directly to myself please feel free to speak to me at the end of the school day as I am usually present to let the children go.

The children leave school through the Year 2 class door. Children are called to leave by an adult. This procedure is used to help keep the children safe. Please be patient as we learn which parents belong to which children over the next few weeks.

It is very important this year that children arrive on time as they will come directly into lessons once they have put away their belongings. This year children will have a challenge task to complete at their tables when they arrive at 8:40am.

### **Curriculum**

In Year 2 the children will take part in English, Maths, Science and RE lessons. As part of the creative curriculum they will also focus on a topic each term with links to the Foundation Subjects. Our first topic of the year is called 'Fire starters' and has a History focus.

There will be Parent's information Evenings on the Year 2 Curriculum and the Key Stage One SATs that you can attend. You will receive further information (i.e. dates) about this in upcoming school newsletters. Our curriculum overview for Autumn term 1 is on the Year 2 page of the school website and gives more details about what the children will be learning about this half term.

### **Home Reading in Year 2**

It is still important that your child reads regularly at home and learns their High Frequency words.

In Year 2 we will be preparing for the end of Key Stage 1 SATs. Your child will be taking reading comprehension tests and as such their independent reading fluency is very important.

The aim of our home reading book scheme is for children to practice their word recognition by reading these books at home. We do not read these books with the children at school, though we will sometimes ask them to read parts of their book to us and check their reading records. Instead in class we will read more challenging texts with follow up comprehension questions during Guided Reading lessons.

Children's home reading colours are based on class assessments and will be updated each half term. Each week an adult will check home reading records and ask children to change their home reading book. However we would advise children changed them at least twice week (depending on the length of the text) to help build up their vocabulary and fluency.



## Star chart and certificates

Children will receive 'stars' in class. These stars are for good behaviour, working hard, being a good friend and excellent effort. Each time they earn a star their name will move across our star chart. These stars act as house points and every time they achieve ten they will receive a certificate in our Praise Assemblies on a Friday morning. You will be notified if your child is receiving a certificate by text.



Additionally, each Friday one child will be chosen as our Star of the Week. This is recognition of someone in the class who has tried their best and worked well during the week. As a reward they are given certain privileges in the classroom such as going to the front of the line and having their name on the class door. They also receive a special Year 2 certificate!

## Homework

In Year 2 an English and Maths task will be set each week. The Maths task will be a mixture of arithmetic and problem solving questions. For English the children will receive either a reading comprehension or a spelling, punctuation and grammar quiz (These will alternate weekly)

These tasks are to help children become familiar with the types of questions they will have to complete during their SATs. Parents are welcome to help but the work must be completed by your child.

Children will also have a list of 10 spellings to learn each week. These spellings are part of the Year 2 curriculum and words children will need to know for their tests.

Homework books will be given out on a Friday and must be handed in by the following Wednesday (though if completed they can hand it in before). Spelling Tests will take place on Friday mornings. New homework books will be given out next week.

## General Reminders

- The children will have **PE** lessons on **Tuesdays afternoons**. Please ensure your child has their **correct PE kit** (see school uniform policy) in school and that all items are clearly labelled. Children leave their PE kit in school each half term so they have one less bag to carry in the mornings.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children will be asked to hand these in during the mornings.
- If your child is ill please inform the school office, likewise please let the school know if there is a change to your collection routine. We will not let any other adult pick up your child otherwise.
- Children can bring in their own **water** bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is on their water bottle.
- Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled. Especially jumpers and cardigans as we regularly have mixed up items of clothing that cannot be identified as they have no names on.
- Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed. The school office regularly sends out newsletters and texts to inform parents of what is happening in school and will need an emergency contact number to get in touch if your child is unwell.
- We are currently updating our website page. You can find us under the Year 2 tab! Take a look in a few weeks to see what we have been doing in class.

Moving into Year 2 is a big change for the children, but we hope to make it as enjoyable as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.



Many Thanks,

Miss Hargrove (Class Teacher)  
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