



# Supporting Your Child In KS2

## Autumn Term Letter 2021

Dear parent/s and carer/s,



I am delighted to welcome you and your child into the Turtles class this year! We have already enjoyed four fun-filled days together in our new classroom and are looking forward to the year ahead. The children have settled exceptionally well and are enjoying getting to know each other – I'm so proud of them all already. Our class is lucky to be joined by Miss Hockton – our school's Higher Level Teaching Assistant - who will be supporting our teaching and learning in Key Stage Two. We hope that this letter will answer any questions that you have about the upcoming term but if you have any unanswered questions or require any further information, please email or phone the office or catch me on the door at the start/end of day.

As you are aware, our Key Stage Two class consists of children from Years 3, 4 and 5. The school is currently advertising for an additional teacher to support the teaching of these year groups and we will keep you informed with regard to this matter. In the meantime, the children will be taught by myself and will be supported by Miss Hockton. In some lessons, the year groups will be taught together as a whole class and the different year group objectives will be catered for through differentiation. In other lessons, the children will be grouped accordingly and taught separately – this will depend on the learning objective being taught. Just like in any other class, all children will be supported and/or challenged depending on their individual needs. For those children who require support to access the content of the curriculum, extra adult support and/or intervention will be put in place to help plug any gaps. Those children who show that they are secure in the required content will be stretched and challenged during each lesson in order to reach their full potential. The first few weeks will be spent (informally) assessing the children to see where they are at. To help with this process, if you are new to the school, please pass on your child's most recent school report. I will take a copy of this and give it back to you. Thank you to those families who have already sent in these reports – they've been really helpful!

### Homework

We appreciate the invaluable contribution you, as parents, make to your child's education. Please support your child's learning by encouraging them to complete their homework each week. Children will be set homework on a Friday and this homework is due the following Wednesday. Sometimes, this homework will be on our online platform (Purple Mash) and sometimes it will be in homework books. If you do not already have a Purple Mash log in, these will be sent home shortly.

### Reading

In addition to their other homework, your child should also be reading at home on a (almost) daily basis, and often with an adult. They will bring two books home at a time – their reading scheme book (that is pitched to their reading ability) and a "sharer" that they have chosen themselves from our class reading corner or the school library. Their reading record should be completed each time they read at home, detailing what was read and with whom. Now your child is in KS2, they may wish to fill out their own reading record. Your child will be heard read at school and will have their books changed regularly. Please ensure their book bag, reading books and reading record are in school every day as reading sessions will take place at various points during the school week. We ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as it absolutely critical to their development in Literacy. Please expose your child not only to the books provided by the school, but also to further material such as magazines, encyclopaedias and other books by their favourite authors. If your child has their own book from home that they are currently reading, they may bring it into school to read during our whole class reading sessions.



Your child will have access to their Oxford Reading Buddy ([www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com](http://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com)) using their personal log in details from last year. If you are new to the school, your child will receive a log in shortly. The Oxford Reading Buddy is an online library of hundreds of books that your child can access from a laptop, tablet or smart phone from home. It is a fun way to read at home and the children can also complete comprehension-based tasks and quizzes linked to each story.

## Autumn Term Curriculum

<b>English</b>	<b>Non-fiction:</b> Non Chronological Report writing – Turtles, Persuasive writing – “Save Our Oceans”, Argument Writing – Plastic Pollution. <b>Poetry:</b> Shape poetry – turtles (and other marine animals) <b>Narrative:</b> Writing based on ‘The Promise’ by Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin
<b>Maths</b>	<b>Place Value</b> <b>Addition and Subtraction</b> <b>Multiplication and Division</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Living Things and Their Habitats:</b> Help Our Habitats!
<b>History</b>	<b>Ancient Egypt</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Locational Knowledge And Europe’s Mountains and Rivers</b>
<b>Art/Design Technology</b>	<b>Abstract Art (modern form)</b> <i>Focus Artist: Wassily Kandinsky</i>
<b>RE/PHSE</b>	<b>What Do People Believe About God?</b> <b>Health and Wellbeing</b>

### PE

Please bring PE kit into school at the start of each half term. This will be stored in school and can be taken home as often as you wish for washing. Our PE day is a Tuesday. Please ensure all PE kit and your child’s PE bag are labelled to avoid any lost property. Your child will need an outdoor and indoor PE kit appropriate for all weathers. If the weather is fine and warm enough, PE lessons will take place outside. If the weather is poor, they will take place in the hall. All hair should be tied back for PE and children should come to school with any earrings removed or covered up with micropore tape.

Your child will require:

<b>Indoor/summer</b>	<b>Outdoor/winter</b>
White t-shirt Black shorts Plimsolls	White t-shirt Black hoodie or zip jacket Black jogging bottoms/leggings Black trainers

### Miscellaneous Messages

In Key Stage 2, fruit is no longer provided. Instead, your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cereal bar) to eat during their morning break.

Children should bring a bottle of water to school daily that they can drink during class to stay hydrated.

Please make sure that EVERYTHING (jumpers, PE kit, water bottles etc.) is labelled to prevent any lost property.

Please make sure that there are no products containing nuts in your child’s lunch box or their morning snack. We have children in school who are highly allergic and we all have a duty to keep these children safe.

Please send in an old shirt (or similar) that your child can use for messy activities and art to protect their school uniform.

Thank you for your ongoing support – we hope you are as excited about this year as we are!

Kind regards,

Miss Frearson

