

### **School Visits and Activities**

During the coming year a number of visits and activities are planned. These will supplement the Year 2 curriculum. It is essential that permission slips are returned promptly to the teacher and that any money is paid in advance. All classes take part in at least one visit per year. Visits to local schools for sporting and community events are also organised. Some visits may require a voluntary parental contribution. Where possible these visits are subsidised in order to reduce the burden on parents. However if insufficient contributions are received we reserve the right to cancel the event.

Early in the autumn term we will be walking into the town centre as part of our Geography and History unit on Welwyn Garden City. Later in the term, we plan to visit Shepreth Wildlife Park. In the spring term, we are planning a Great Fire of London Workshop.

### **Letters forms and monies**

Absence notes, permission slips and money can be placed in the box by the office or the children can put them in the class box during registration. These should come in a named envelope with the purpose and amount clearly marked. All absences must be accompanied by a note, even if we have already been notified in person or by telephone. Please send absence notes in on the first day back at school. An absence form is available from the office if you prefer.

### **Holiday tasks**

The summer holiday should be a time of relaxation and fun – however some children find it extremely difficult to settle back into a school routine and this means their learning and that of their peers can be disrupted. We suggest that you still find time for regular reading and keep practising those all important number bonds and times tables! Don't forget you can enjoy some additional learning through Bug Club and Athletics!

### **Any Questions**

If you have any questions please feel free to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to working with you next year.

Mrs F Wadley and the Year 2 Team



# Welcome to Year 2

**Information for pupils and  
parents**

## Welcome to Year 2.

This is an important year for our students; it is a transition year into Key Stage 2. The children will develop some independence when it comes to their learning and preparing to learn. Parents are encouraged to involve their children in ensuring that their homework and P.E. kits are in school on the correct day.

## Responsibilities

The children are responsible for keeping the classroom, and annex area tidy; putting away learning resources and their own equipment.

## How you can help

### Equipment they need:

Please provide your child with the following NAMED items:

- A water bottle with sports cap (water only)
- A bag for carrying books to and from school which must be brought in every day. Along with their home school link books, reading books, learning logs (On Tuesdays) and spelling books.
- A PE bag

### NAMED P.E. kit:

- School PE shirt and **black** shorts with **black** tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. (Girls may wear black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for modesty throughout the year.)
- Black plimsolls for indoor games
- Trainers for outdoor games
- Micropore tape to cover stud earrings if necessary.

At no time should any earrings other than simple studs be worn in school; hooped or dangly earrings are unsafe in the school environment.

For your own convenience, PE kit should be brought in at the beginning of term and taken home only at half term and the end of term.

## Supporting your child's learning at home

### Every day:

Please listen to your child read.

Help them prepare for the following day:

- reading book
- reading record
- any letters

Check their bag for letters and their home school link books for any messages.

Get them to school by 8.50am.

### Every week:

Ensure they have done their homework.

Help them to learn their spellings and phonics; then practise using these in oral sentences.

Also encourage the children to practise their number bonds and understanding of numbers (e.g. which is bigger)

Encourage them to discuss their activities at school.

Spellings will be handed out on Mondays and need to be returned on Fridays.

Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and must be handed in on the following

Tuesday. Homework that is not returned on this day **may not be able to be marked**. If

your child is unable to complete their homework due to illness or other social commitments then please write a note in your child's HSLB explaining this. If your child is unable to complete their learning log at home then there is also learning Log club after school on a Thursday evening.