



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your children have returned refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 2. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Year 2 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class Teacher – Mrs Felicity Wadley  
Teaching Assistants – Mrs Kim Bates & Mrs Tanya Thomas

### Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.

### Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ourselves topic, poetry, non fiction reports and narrative story writing</li></ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number and Place value</li><li>• Representing and ordering numbers</li><li>• Addition</li><li>• Subtraction</li><li>• Money</li><li>• Measure</li></ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Living and Dead</li><li>• Animals, including humans</li></ul>
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programming</li></ul>
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portraiture</li></ul>
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Puppets</li></ul>
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ebenezer Howard</li></ul>
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning about the local area of Welwyn Garden City</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using map and atlas skills</li> </ul>
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and symbols</li> <li>• The Christmas Story</li> </ul>
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gymnastics</li> <li>• Sending and receiving skills</li> </ul>
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest songs, Christmas songs and Music Express</li> </ul>
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and wellbeing</li> </ul>

## Learning Logs & Homework

### Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult every day. This is to be recorded in their Reading Record books which will be checked throughout the week. Our focus in Year 2 is to fully understand what we are reading; a good way to check this at home is to ask the children questions about what they have just read and see how confidently they can answer your questions. Remember to ask both literal and inferential questions!

### Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a test on a Friday. This will begin the week commencing 10.09.17.

### Learning Logs

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Learning Logs will be sent home on a Thursday and need to be returned on Tuesday. Children should spend approximately 30 minutes on each task.

We will be using Mathletics to set tasks to consolidate the subjects covered in class; these will be detailed in the learning log each week.

### P.E

P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday and a Friday this term. The children should bring a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms as their kit. If the children do not have their P.E. kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will receive a reminder letter.

### Equipment

Can you please ensure that your child has the following items in school at all times:

- A water bottle
- P.E. kit
- Black shoes to wear indoors
- An art shirt (optional)
- Wellies (optional)

### Library

On Thursdays each class has access to the Library to choose a book they wish to take home. This is a great opportunity for children to access a range of texts of their choosing. Please make sure they bring back any borrowed books they wish to change on a Thursday.

### Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. This half term we will be exploring Welwyn Garden City and St. Francis Church in a combined Geography and RE field trip. A date will be confirmed ASAP.

After half term we will be visiting Shepreth Wildlife Park as part of our and Science topic 'Animals including Humans'.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity Wadley  
Year 2 Class Teacher