



St. Andrew's CE Primary School

Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We have many new and exciting topics to look forward to this year and cannot wait to get started! We have also welcomed Mrs Watson into Year 2 and are happy to have Mrs Woolf back from maternity leave. Please take the time to read this newsletter to keep informed about what will be happening this term in Year 2. We will also post updates of what we are doing in class on our class website.

Reminders

Allergies and Medicines

As we have children in school with allergies, please make sure that any food sent into school does not contain nuts. If your child has medication in school, please make sure that it is up-to-date and replace it if necessary.

Reading Books and Online Reading

Listening to your child read is one of the most valuable things a parent can do to support their child's education. As in Year 1, children will bring home a reading book that they are able to read independently. Please listen to your child read at least three times a week. Take home reading books are designed to be easily read and are used to develop fluency, intonation and comprehension. Children are given stickers for reading their book at home and can work their way up to gaining prizes, so please don't forget to sign their reading record each time they read! It is also very important to ask your child questions about what they have read. This will help them understand the characters, the events and improve their creative writing skills. All children are automatically reassessed at the end of each half term to ensure they are reading the appropriate level of book and we aim for the majority of children to come off Read Write Inc (RWI) during Year 2. All children will read at least once a week at school with an adult, which some reading more often as needed. RWI books are changed each Friday. While on RWI, children will also be allocated an online reading book and phonics quiz each week on the Oxford Owl website. Log in details remain the same as in year 1 and if you need these again, please ask. Once your child finishes the RWI scheme, they will move onto Gold book band and will be able to change books whenever they have finished. Please write which page they are up to in their Reading Record.

Spellings and Times tables

Spelling and Times Tables folders will be **sent home on Monday** each week and we ask that your child practises their spellings and times tables ready to be tested on a Friday. It is very important that your child remembers to **bring their spelling folder in on Friday** so that their new spellings can be put into their folder. Inside the folder you will find a copy of the week's spellings and at the back of the folder there is a list of which times table they are learning each week. The children will be tested on their spellings in a random order. You can also find the spellings on Spelling Shed and times tables on Times Tables Rock stars where the children can practise them online.



Maths Homework

In Year 2 the maths homework is set and sent home each Friday and must be returned **by the following Friday**. The Maths booklet is a great way for children to develop their number skills. It is an excellent opportunity for you to help your child consolidate their learning. We ask that your child complete **only one page of the booklet per week**. The homework ties in nicely with the curriculum in Year 2. It may seem daunting at first but will gradually get easier as the year progresses. We will mark the Maths homework on Fridays, with the children, so that we can address any misconceptions. If they are stuck on a particular question, it is fine to leave it for us to go through together.

PE Kits

We have PE every Wednesday. The PE kits remain in school from **Monday to Friday** in a drawstring bag. Please label each item and check if pumps fit every half term. Just a quick reminder that the children's PE kit is:

- Black plimsolls
- Navy blue or black shorts
- White polo shirt
- All in a labelled drawstring bag.

Uniform

Please make sure that all children's uniform is clearly labelled as this helps us to reunite misplaced items with their owner. If your child has lost any property, we have a lost property box on the corridor, near the KS1 door. Please make sure that your child is not wearing earrings in class, in line with school policy. The only exception is for children who have only just had their ears pierced, in this case they need to cover their earrings with plasters until they can be removed. We thank you for your continued support in these matters.

School Website

We regularly update our class pages. To see what we have been doing go to:

www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/year-2-2/

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Barlow-Smith, Mrs Watson and Mrs Woolf.

This Term We are Learning:

Here is an overview of what the children will be learning this term. For further information, take a look at our knowledge organisers at www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/year-2-1/

	<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>
Maths	Number and place value Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction Shape
English	Stories in a Familiar Setting Poetry Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)	Stories in a Familiar Setting Information texts Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)
Science		Animals including humans
Computing	What is a computer? International Space Station E-Safety	Algorithms and debugging Online safety
RE/ PHSE	Who is Muslim and what do they believe?	Special Books Christmas Family and friends, Respectful Relationships Individual Liberty Race and Religion
History	Historical Heroes	
Art	Sketching and drawing using different medium.	Christmas Artwork.
D & T		Baby Bear's chair - structures
Music	Hands, Feet, Heart	Christmas songs
PE/Dance	Football	Dance (Christmas play rehearsal)