



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year!

General Overview of the Term's Learning

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 2:

- **English:** We will focus on learning our phonics using our new Read, Write, Inc programme and writing riddles, recounts and setting descriptions.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include understanding the place value of numbers, more/ less, addition and subtraction and shape.
- **Science:** Students will explore living things and habitats and animals including humans.
- **History/ Geography:** Our lessons will focus on our topic 'History Makers,' we explore what it means when people from the past make history. In Geography we will look at where Penguins live.
- **Art/ DT:** This term we will explore our environment and use close observational looking to draw what we see. In design our topic is 'Baby Bear's Chair.'
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on our topic 'Playing in an Orchestra.'
- **PE:** In PE, we will create and perform short dances based on an animal and then a celebration theme and outdoor PE will be with Plymouth Argyle (ball games and striking and fielding games).
- **Computing:** This term we will focus on the importance of internet safety and systems and networks.
- **RE:** In RE we will learn about Muslims and how they live and why Christmas matters to Christians.
- **Lifeskills:** This term we will learn about keeping and staying healthy and keeping and staying safe.

PE Day

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 2 will be on **Thursdays (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor)**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports and fitness activities.

Home learning

This year we are focusing on reading as our required priority homework. Therefore, we request that all children read their school reading book every night and get their reading records signed by a parent/carer/older sibling. Further information on this will be shared at our open afternoon on phonics and reading.

We will be sending home weekly spellings for children to practice from Reception-Year 6, which will be tested weekly (these will be sent soon). We will also be sending home log ins for Times Tables Rock Stars and Maths Whizz for children from Y2-Y6 to continue their maths learning at home. Please note that the spellings and maths home learning will help your child consolidate their in-school learning, however is not mandatory.

Healthy Snacks and Hydration

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy and Mrs Richards
Year 2 teachers