



## YEAR 2 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

### A Warm Welcome to Year 2!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is [year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk)

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

# Year 2

#### Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English and Maths Coordinator

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner and Mrs Poyner

Supported by Mrs Williams

2E – Miss Evans

Supported by Mrs Newman

(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd and Miss Nash)

2NR – Miss Nash and Mrs Rutterford

Supported by Mrs Chandler

## Curriculum and topic this term:

**English:** We are starting off the school year by exploring Little Red Reading Hood. The children will also be exploring instructions, the story of Babushka and letter writing.



**Maths:** The children will be learning about place value using 2-digit numbers, addition and subtraction and telling the time to 5-minute intervals.

**Science:** We are exploring materials and animals including humans.



**Topic:** Our topic questions for this term are:

Autumn 1: "Can I find my way around my local area?" This is a geography-based topic and within this we will be looking at map skills.

Autumn 2: "How has technology changed our lives over the last 60 years?" This is a history-based topic and within this we will be looking at how different types of technology has changed in the last 60 years.

**R.E:** Our R.E questions for this term are:

Autumn 1: "Who is a Muslim and how do they live?"

Autumn 2: "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?"



**P.E:** The children will be taking part in gymnastics and dance for our inside sessions and running, jumping and throwing for our outdoor game sessions.

**Computing:** The children will be completing activities related to E-Safety and word processing.



**Music:** We will be learning about rhythm and pulse, using our hands, musical instruments and voices.

**Arts and DT:** The children will be learning about Pablo Picasso and will be having a go at recreating some famous pieces of artwork. They will also be designing and creating their own simple fairground attraction.

**PSHE:** The children will be exploring families and healthy minds.

## Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 2 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day but at least three times a week. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

The children are expected to join their **handwriting** in Year 2 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

We will also set challenges to complete throughout the year. These tasks will link to our topic.

## Reading



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This means we are able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Your child's phonics teacher will give them new sounds/words or book three times a week. If your child is on the AR programme then they choose their own book after they have quizzed.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

## Physical Education (P.E.)

Please ensure your children bring in their labelled PE uniforms by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

We will send their kit home every half term to be washed.

Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

We will be going out for PE regardless of the weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure you provide your children with appropriate clothing



## Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

We have lots of events and parental engagement activities planned for this term. We have outlined them below. More information including dates and times will follow soon.

### **Special Events**

One special event we are having this term is our Hereford trip on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The children will be travelling by train to see the landscape on the way to Hereford and we will be using our orienteering and map skills to see some of the key features of the city.

During December we will be asking children and parents to indulge in their creative side as we take part in a range of festive craft. Get ready for lots of glitter and sparkle!

### **Parental Engagement**

We are hopeful that within the next few weeks we will be able to deliver a parental engagement with a focus of phonics and reading. This will take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children use and apply phonic skills and an opportunity for the children to share their favourite books with you.

Later on, in the term there will be another parental engagement with a focus on Maths. This will take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children will learn maths skills and the resources they'll be using.

### **Dates for your Diary**

| <b>Dates</b>   | <b>Events</b>        |
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| 28 <sup>th</sup> September   | KS1 phonics workshop |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | Hereford trip        |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October   | Parent/Carer evening |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October   | Parent/Carer evening |
| <b>Half Term<br/>(Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November)</b> |                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November  | KS1 Maths workshop   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas crafts     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas jumper day |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas concert    |

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)