

10th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

We would firstly like to thank you all for your support at the beginning of this term. As a result of the building work, there have been a number of changes to the school day and we have been really impressed by the way the Year 2 children have coped with all these changes. It has been a very calm and happy start to term.

We are beginning this new school year with a whole school topic 'Super Structures'. Please find an outline of our topic below.

In Year 2 we aim to develop the children's independence and your child will be expected to hang their own coat up on their peg, place their water bottle on the shelf provided and put their book bag in the boxes provided.

Forest School will run on a Wednesday afternoon this term. Pupils need to wear suitable outdoor clothing and wear wellington boots please. P.E will be on Mondays and Fridays and navy shorts, a white t-shirt/polo shirt and trainers are required for these sessions. We recommend that PE kits remain in school all week as there are sometimes sports 'taster sessions' and these may take place on other days.

By the end of this week your child will be given a new Reading book (we continue to use the coloured book band system) and Reading record. The children will get an opportunity to change their reading book regularly during class time. We are happy for both you and your child to write entries in the Reading record and this then provides us with a useful record of the number and variety of books being read by your child. Every couple of weeks we will collect in the Reading records and write a comment/ inform you if your child has moved to a new book band colour. Ideally your child should be reading most evenings.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or life in Year 2, please do pop in and speak to one of us, or contact the school office. There will be an opportunity this coming Thursday 13th September after school (3-4pm) to come to a Parent "Drop-in Session" in the Year 2 classroom, to meet Mrs Shaw and find out more about this term's learning. We hope to see you there!

Mrs Shaw and Miss Nelson

Topic Overview Superstructures Year 2

Classroom Environment		Educational Visits/ Visitors	Visit to local religious building
Wow Factor Launch	Whole school building challenge.	Key Texts	Selection of texts from Wallingford Library.
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	Art/DT exhibition	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learn to spell Common Exception Words ✓ Daily reading
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discussion of use of key buildings in Fairy Stories eg castle, cottage ✓ Story setting descriptions eg castle, cottage etc ✓ Recount Writing ✓ Fact sheets on famous structures 	RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning about and comparing key religious buildings eg Church, Mosque, Synagogue ✓ Harvest Festival
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Number and Place Value ✓ Representing numbers in different ways. ✓ Solve problems comparing the value of numbers 	Art / DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stained glass windows ✓ Plan, design and build a famous structure ✓ Wax resist pictures ✓ Printing with range of materials ✓ Explore the paintings of LS Lowry
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Testing absorbency of different paper towels ✓ Are bricks absorbent? ✓ Testing waterproof properties of materials 	Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Weekly singing sessions
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Chrome book research – famous buildings ✓ Explore Virtual Field Trip through Google expeditions. 	PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gymnastics ✓ Multi-skills
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Great Fire of London 	French	N/A
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comparison of Wallingford and a small area of Africa – compare buildings, climate etc ✓ Homes around the world ✓ Drawing maps/plans with keys 	PSHE + SMSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Values – Quality, Respect, Responsibility, Creativity ✓ Friendship ✓ Growth Mindset activities

Vision themes:

Critical thinking and problem solving <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science experiments• Building challenges	Physical and mental well-being <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE (twice a week)• Forest School• Relax Kids• PSHE	Global citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RE – comparison of religious buildings• Comparison of a small area of UK and a small area of Africa
Communication and social skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunchtime conversation skills• Group discussion skills• Friendship skills	Creativity and Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art and DT projects – designing, making and evaluating	Key Academic Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning Year 2 Grammar rules and spelling patterns• Understanding and using Place Value• Compare and evaluate information (RE, Geography and Science)