



## YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term in Year 2! Here is a summary of what we will be doing in each curriculum area this term.

### Literacy

In the first half term we shall be reading the Katie Morag books and basing much of our writing around these. In the second half term we will be looking at longer stories by significant authors, with our main focus being Jill Tomlinson. We shall also be reading and writing funny poems. Our non-fiction focus will be writing simple reports. A major focus will be writing in complete sentences and sentence construction.



### Maths

We will be working with numbers beyond 100, concentrating on place value in particular. We shall continue to work on different ways to solve addition and subtraction, applying these skills to a variety of problem solving activities. We will also be applying simple multiplication and division to solving problems. Our other maths focus will be using standard measures for weight, length and capacity, and also data handling.

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### Science, History, Geography and DT

Our topic in the first half of term is 'Island Explorer.' For this topic we shall be learning about the British Isles, features of the landscape, plants in the environment and also reading the Katie Morag books. After half term our topic will be 'Fit and Fabulous' which will include learning about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and also how to keep fit and healthy ourselves.

### RE

Our focuses this term will be Signs and Symbols, and we will be learning about the Torah.

### PE

Our PE days are **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**.



The children will need labelled navy blue shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers. Children will not be allowed to take part in PE activities if they do not have the appropriate clothing. Mr. Raw is encouraging children to try different fruits and vegetables so please help your child to do this. We shall be covering dance, gymnastics and outdoor games in our PE lessons this term

## Key Stage 1 Assessments (SATs)

During the fortnight beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May, Year 2 will be taking the national SATs tests in reading and maths. Their writing and science will also be assessed by their teacher. We aim to keep these tests as low-key as possible but it is important that children are in school throughout this time so that they don't miss them. The results of these assessments will be sent home in July.

## Homework

We shall be continuing with the Brain Builder Homework. We have found this to be a very useful way of consolidating class work and the children love it! The children can be as creative as they like with presenting homework; it is not always a written piece that we are expecting. We encourage parental support but the work should actually be the children's! **Brain Builders should be returned to school on the THURSDAY of each week so that they can be marked before being sent home again on a Friday.** We are continuing with our Surprise Spellings which should be learnt using the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK method. Spelling tests are on Fridays and the children are given 6 weeks in which to make sure they are confident at spelling these words.

## Book Bags

The children's books are changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that they are in school every day so that the children can choose new books. **Please comment on your child's reading in the Home Link Book, saying how they have read, their understanding, any concerns, and for independent readers please note down the page number reached.** If your child does not have a book bag they can be purchased from the school office.

## Uniform

The uniform is a grey skirt, tunic or trousers, a white polo shirt and a red jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt. Girls can also wear the red and white checked summer dress with school-coloured socks. The school sweatshirts can be bought from the school office. Shoes should be black and trainers should not be worn. **Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.**

## Attendance and Punctuality

The children are allowed into the classrooms from 8.45 and should be in by 8.55 when the register is taken. It is very important that your child is on time as we start teaching at 9 o'clock.

Finally, if you have any further concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to come and chat to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,  
**S. Lloyd and G. Wray**