

**Welcome to Year 2!** We hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and that everyone is excited to be back. At the start of a new year, settling the children in will be our priority. We will take time to ensure the children are familiar and secure with the different routines and expectations of Year 2. We will continue to work on our school GROW values, developing skills to help us flourish in our learning and wider school experience. We look forward to working with your children and yourselves on our learning journey this half term.

#### Key Dates:

10th September: Meet the teacher  
9th October: Trip to the Hat Works  
10th October Harvest festival  
22nd October Individual photos  
24th October Flu vaccinations  
24th October Last day before HALF TERM  
3rd November INSET Day  
4th November School Opens

#### Supporting your child at home:

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. Please read regularly with your child each week, focussing not only on fluency, but comprehension skills as well. Weekly spellings to practise at home will be sent out each Friday, and there will be a written check the following Friday. This will help the children to learn the Year 2 spelling rules. For Maths, it would help your child to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, perhaps whilst skipping or jumping! Another key skill to practise is the recall of number bonds up to 10 and then 20.

# Stop in Stockport



**Computing:** The focus of this half term will be Coding using Purple Mash. We will also discuss online safety and how to be a responsible user of technology.

**PSHE:** This half term our focus will be on how we are the same and different to each other. We will discuss creating and maintaining positive friendships and how to resolve disputes.

**Creative Curriculum:** We combine Geography and History skills this term, centred around our town. We will identify human and physical features of Stockport, including locating landmarks on maps. We will use secondary sources to identify how Stockport has changed over time, then in our visit on the 9th October, we will find out more from the primary sources in the Hat Works and Stockport museums. We will focus on the history of major landmarks, including St Mary's Church and the marketplace. Our artwork will link to this topic, using charcoal to recreate famous Lowry pieces inspired by Stockport.

**English:** This term, our writing will be based on the book 'The Magic Hat Shop' by Sonja Wimmer. The children will use DEAL and reading to explore the settings and characters within the story. The children will then use this to write their own retell of the story. There will be a focus on sentence composition, grammar and punctuation, as well as spelling. For this half term, we will continue to use Little Wandle to support spelling and reading Phase 5 phonemes. Towards the end of the half term, we will explore poetry looking at some the work of Michael Rosen. Our twice-weekly reading sessions will consolidate comprehension skills.

**Maths:** We will first look at place value, representing numbers to 100 in different ways, to make sure that we have a solid understanding of tens and ones. We will compare and order numbers, and count in steps of 2, 5, 10 and then 3. Later in the half term, we will move onto addition and subtraction, using recall of number facts (bonds) to 10 and 100 to support calculations. We will use a range of manipulatives and visual models to support our learning. We will also have a weekly lesson on shape, developing our understanding of properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

**RE:** Who is a Muslim and what does a Muslim believe? We will be finding out about the Prophet Muhammad and why Muslims believe that he is special. We will be listening to the story of the Prophet Muhammad as well as looking at artefacts associated with the faith.

**Music:** In music we will be learning studying rhythm and composition this term. We will be working on tuned and untuned instruments creating 4 beat patterns.

**PE:** Indoor PE will take place on a Friday, with the focus on gymnastics this half term. On a Thursday morning, we will be carrying out 'Smile for a Mile'. Outdoor Games sessions with the coaches will be on Mondays. Please make sure your child always has the correct kit in school, including warm clothes for outdoors, and that it is all clearly labelled.

