

**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.

# Stop in Stockport

## Key Dates:

9th September: Meet the Teacher

**5th October: Parent Teacher Meetings**

**7th October: Parent Teacher Meetings**

16th October: Harvest Fair after school

19th October: Individual photos being taken

22nd October: PTA Halloween Disco

23rd October: Last day before HALF TERM

3rd November: School Re-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.

**Computing:** We will begin by recapping key skills such as typing and logging on, before focusing on 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 families and relationships, safe relationships and how to respect ourselves and others. This includes how to create and maintain positive friendships and how to resolve disputes.

**Creative Curriculum:** We are prioritising geography skills this half term, centred around our town. We will first develop our understanding of where Stockport is located in relation to the rest of the UK, before 'zooming in' to Stockport to identify its human and physical features. We will study key landmarks and familiar features, using maps, aerial photos and plans. This will lead onto us developing our map reading skills, exploring the four compass points and learning how to use maps, trails and routes.

**English:** This term, our writing will be based on the book 'The Map of Me' by Nicola Davies, and inspired by our studies of Stockport. The objective is to write an information text centred around their maps of the local area; highlighting key landmarks that are important to them and sharing what they've learned about Stockport. For this half term, we will continue to use Little Wandle to support spelling and reading Phase 5 phonemes. Our twice-weekly reading sessions will consolidate comprehension skills.

**Maths:** This half term in Maths, we will begin by revisiting numbers in both numerals and words, strengthening our understanding of place value and exploring different ways to represent numbers up to 100. Children will develop a secure understanding of tens and ones while learning to compare and order numbers. We will also practise counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3. As the half term progresses, we will move on to addition and subtraction, using our knowledge of number facts to 10 and 100 to support calculations and problem solving. A range of practical resources, manipulatives and visual models will be used to help children develop confidence and deepen their understanding. In addition, every Monday we will have a dedicated shape lesson, where children will explore the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes and build their mathematical vocabulary.

**RE:** 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:** This term in Music, we will focus on developing our understanding of rhythm and composition. Children will explore both tuned and untuned percussion instruments, learning how to create and perform simple four-beat patterns. Through practical activities, they will build their confidence in keeping a steady pulse, recognising rhythms and creating their own musical compositions.

**PE:** Indoor PE will take place on a Thursday, with the focus on gymnastics this half term. 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.

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