



## Year 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2021

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 2 and to provide you with some useful information about the autumn term ahead.

### Year 2 Staff

Miss McTasney - Class Teacher      Mrs Fowler - Teaching art on a Wednesday afternoon

Mrs Maiden - Teaching Assistant      Miss Palmer - PE Teacher (Wednesday am)

I have really enjoyed meeting all the children this week and I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead with Year 2! Here are the topics we will be studying this term.

Autumn Term	
English	Stories about overcoming fears and worries Instructions Diaries Poetry
Maths	Number and place value Number - addition and subtraction Money Multiplication and division
Science/ Topic	Growth and Survival (Science) The Great Fire of London (History)
RE (Christianity and Islam)	How is new life welcomed? How can we make good choices?
Computing	Programming E-Safety
PSHE	What makes a good friend? What is bullying?
Art/ Design Technology	Animal patterns DT - fruit smoothies



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### Phonics and Spelling

Spelling and phonics is an important part of the curriculum at Thorpe School. In Year 2, all children will be focusing on phonics and this will be a suitable phase from the Letters and Sounds scheme matched to the children's ability. As the year progresses, the children will move on to exploring other spelling rules and strategies. Phonics lessons will take place 4 times a week, with some children working in a smaller group to support gaps in their learning from Year 1.



### Homework and Spellings

Each Friday, your child will be sent home with a weekly list of spellings to learn ready for a spelling test the following Friday morning. I will also be setting the same spellings on the Spelling Shed website so that your child has further chance to practise. You can find your child's log-in details for Spelling Shed stuck in the front of their reading record book. One piece of homework will also be set each Friday and this will either be maths based or English/topic based. This should be completed and handed back in by the following Wednesday.



### Reading

In Year 2, we ask that children read at least 3 times a week at home and that a brief comment is recorded in their reading record book. The children will then hand in their reading record (with their home comment) the next day and a sticker will be given on their bookmark. When a reading bookmark is filled with stickers, children will be rewarded by choosing a prize from my reward box.

Please try to ask your child questions about the book they are reading to check they have understood it. It is really useful for us to read in your comments in the reading record if the children have understood and enjoyed their book. In school, the children will be practising their reading on a daily basis through phonics lessons, English lessons and also in whole class reading lessons, which take place once a week and focus on checking children's understanding (comprehension) of a text. 1-1 reading will also take place on a weekly basis.



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### General Reminders

- The children will be doing PE on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on the day and that all items are clearly labelled with their names.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and hand things in.
- Each day, your child should bring a coat, book bag and water bottle to school. Water bottles are kept in class and children can access them throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle. They will be sent home daily for cleaning.

I hope that this has been helpful and if you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come and have a word.

Yours sincerely,

Miss McTasney  
Year 3 Class Teacher