

# WELCOME TO Year 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to **Year 2**. We're pleased to say that the children have **settled in wonderfully** and have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They've shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, and we are really looking forward to an exciting and successful term ahead.

This term, we will be immersing ourselves in a wide range of **engaging topics**:

## Curriculum Highlights

- **English:** We will be focusing on building sentence structure, narrative writing, and producing a **non-chronological report about dogs** – made extra special with a visit from **Ginny, our therapy dog!** Spelling patterns, strategies for learning **common exception** and **high-frequency words**, and **handwriting** development will also be a focus.
- **Maths:** Children will build on their understanding of **place value** and begin exploring **addition and subtraction**, using practical and written strategies. Later in the term, we will also be looking at **2D and 3D shapes**, identifying their properties and using them in problem-solving activities.
- **Science:** We will be exploring **animals and their habitats**, learning how different animals are suited to their environments, followed by learning about **exercise and nutrition** – helping children understand how to stay healthy and take care of their bodies.
- **Geography:** Children will use maps and atlases to locate **countries, oceans**, and learn about **hot/cold climates** around the world.
- **History:** We will be learning all about **Florence Nightingale** and **Mary Seacole** – two remarkable women from history. Children will explore their lives, write a **diary entry in role**, and compare their contributions and experiences.
- **Wellbeing and Personal Development:** We are setting clear routines and expectations to help children feel safe, happy, and ready to learn every day.

## Key Information


- **PE Days:** **Wednesday and Friday** – please ensure your child comes to school in **full PE kit** on these days.
- **Reading at Home:** Please try to **listen to your child read every day**. Sign their **reading diary** each time they read — this really supports their progress and helps us track their development.
- **Water Bottles:** Please send your child with a **named water bottle** each day.
- **Snacks:** Healthy snacks are **provided** daily for the children.
- **Weather:** As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child brings a **named coat** to school each day.

## Homework

Homework will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Thursday**. Each week, your child will receive:

- A set of **spellings** to practise.
- A short **Maths activity** linked to our class learning.
- Their regular **reading** (at least five times a week). Please support your child in completing their homework and ensure their reading diary is signed each time they read.

## Key Dates

-  **Animatronic Dinosaur Visit – Friday 29th September** A fun interactive learning experience to support our Science topic!
- Additional key dates (e.g. parent evenings, trips etc ) will be shared with you **very soon**.

## Communication

I am available to speak briefly at the **beginning and end of the school day**. If you would like a longer conversation, please don't hesitate to **make an appointment** — I am always happy to support you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Miss Byrne, Miss Weedon and Mrs Dowman

Year 2 Team