

Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome back to St. Vincent's Primary School and into Year 2 – a year full of new responsibilities and exciting challenges. Our ultimate aim is to give children the confidence and resilience for moving into the junior department and becoming an independent learner all within a fun environment. Here is some useful information about the Autumn term:

Curriculum and Assessment

There will be a Curriculum Evening for Year 2 on Wednesday 27th September. The evening will start at 6.45pm when you will be able to meet your child's class teacher and see their classroom. A presentation will start promptly at 7.15pm and will include information about the curriculum as well as the end of KSI national curriculum tests which take place in May. Please do come along to this important evening.

Homework

- **Reading** – Independent Reading to be sent home twice weekly on Monday/Thursday (Miss Butler's and Mr Nicholls' class) and Tuesday/Friday (Mrs Robinson's class.)
- **Spelling** – Your child will be given a list of ten spellings to consolidate their learning from the previous year and to cover the Year 2 spelling appendix. The words will go home in a spelling book. There is a weekly spelling test each Tuesday (starting on 19th September) and the new words will go out the same day.
- **Times Tables** – Your child will have a times table sheet stuck into their homework book each term. This term we will focus on the 2 times table before the half term and the 5 times table following the half term break. There will be a brief test each Wednesday (starting on 20th September). The children will be asked 14 questions, in a random order, from the times table (0-13X2) each week.
- **Homework sheet** – To support classroom learning, a sheet will be stuck into your child's homework book focusing on Maths or Reading Comprehension on alternate weeks. This will be handed out each Friday (starting on 15th September) and should be handed in by Wednesday the following week.

PE

- **Ball Skills** – Sessions will take place on **Thursday** afternoons.

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit each week and that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. If at any time you wish your child to be exempt from a PE lesson for medical reasons a letter must be sent.

Topics for Autumn Term

- **RE** – The Chosen People and Mysteries
- **Geography** – Continents and Oceans.
- **History** – Great Fire of London.
- **Science** – Habitats and Plants/Our changing World and Taking Care.
- **Art / DT** – 'Colour Chaos' using various materials to explore colour based on the works of a number of artists (Rothko, Modrian, Klee, Pollock, Delaunay and Kandinsky).
- **Computing** – Programming and Games Testing.

- **Music** – Old School Hip Hop and Christmas Songs.
- **PE** – Ball skills and Hockey.
- **Creative Writing** – Spooky Stories and Winter Wonderland themes.

Please encourage your child to bring in any items of interest related to the above topics.

Copies of areas to be covered in English and Maths are available to be viewed on our school website.

Other Information

- In line with Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time, children will participate in Computing sessions with Mrs Patiniott, Music sessions with Mrs Mackenzie and Ball Skills with the Soccerwise coaching staff on a Thursday afternoon.

Thank you for your anticipated support and we look forward to meeting you all in the next few weeks.

Mr Nicholls

Miss Butler

Mrs Robinson