

Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

Monday 5th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families have had a restful break and that your children are ready and keen to start their new academic year. As a staff team, we are already looking forward to the excitement and new opportunities which getting to teach a new class of children brings.

We will be holding this curriculum evening on Wednesday 21st September at 6.00pm. It covers much of this letter in more detail and we hope that it gives you both an understanding and an insight into life in Year 2.

Our Year 2 Team

This year our Year 2 teachers will be:

Mrs Cox (Monday only) and Ms Collins (Tuesday - Friday) - Earhart

Mrs Chahil (Monday - Wednesday) and Mrs Blomley (Wednesday - Friday) - Yousafzai

Mrs Phelan and Ms Douglas - learning supports assistants

Religious Education and Worship

This year we are excited to continue with our new school values. These are: friendship, thankfulness, kindness, forgiveness, respect (for the environment), service and peace.

Each year group has been allocated with a spiritual value. Year 2's value will be kindness. During RE lessons and Class Worship time children will have the opportunity to learn and reflect upon their value using a range of resources, such as Biblical stories and verses, world news and events, and personal experiences.

The children will also be encouraged to take ownership of their year group value by thinking about how it could be implemented into the school and wider community, for example raising money for charities or helping the school to be more eco-friendly.

Reading

It is impossible to over emphasise the positive impact that reading has on your child's education and development. This key life skill, when learned and enjoyed at an early age, will improve your children's independent writing, expand their vocabulary, broaden their viewpoint on life, improve their concentration and expand their imagination. For these reasons, we would ask that you devote a little time each day to reading together with your son or daughter. Whatever form these sessions take: whether you share a book, take it in turns to read, listen to your child read or you are there to pose questions about what has been read, this is one of the best ways you can help your child flourish as a learner! In Year 2 we will provide the children with two books per week. One which will be based on their Accelerated Reader level. This level will be assessed during the first few weeks of the school term. This book will come home along with their reading diary. We encourage the children to change this once (or twice a week if the book is shorter). The second book will be provided based on our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'. This book will be allocated according to a phonics assessment that will take place during the first few weeks of the school term. This book will be allocated on a Monday and it will need to be returned on a Monday. This book needs to stay in your child's book bag as we will need to have access to it in order to read the same book within school time as part of their reading session.

Accelerated Reader

The website to log on to is: <https://ukhosted59.renlearn.co.uk/6712885>

Please refer to your child's reading diary for their log in details.

Google Classroom

The new Year 2 Google Classroom will be a hub for everything the children need to support them with their learning this academic year including their homework . Please encourage your child to check this regularly to ensure they utilise all of the resources there. Please ensure you have accepted the invitation on the Google Classroom to allow your child to access this.

Homework

This year all homework will be completed online via the Google Classroom and other online platforms that your child is already familiar with (Mathletics, Accelerated Reader etc.). Homework will be set on a Monday and will need to be completed by the following Monday. Homework will start from the w/c 12th of September.

Mathletics - Please complete the allocated activity (log in details can be found on your child's reading diary)

Phonics - Each week, a task will be set and given out on paper based on the sound or sounds that the children will be learning that week. Please return the homework by the following Monday. Please note that this will not be returned and the children will be given verbal feedback.

Reading - To read both their accelerated reader reading book and the allocated phonics book. Please ensure that the phonics book has been return to your child's book bag each day. This will be changed each Monday. The children can complete comprehension quizzes for their Accelerated Reader book using the Accelerated Reader Website

TTRS - This year the children will be expected to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts. Although we will be learning these in school, we encourage all children to practise these regularly using our TTRS website.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The website to log on to is: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

The child's username is their surname with a capital letter. All children have been given their passwords confidentially (TBC

Timetable

You will have access to your child's weekly timetable for the Autumn Term on their Google Classroom, however please do be aware this is changeable week on week, dependent on trips, visitors etc.

PE and Games

Our PE and Games are as below. Please may we ask that children attend school on these days in their St. Stephen's PE kit with spare trainers in a separate bag in case of wet and muddy weather. A waterproof jacket and a water bottle should also be available at all times in school but specifically on these days.

- Earhart Games - Monday
- Earhart PE - Wednesday
- Yousafzai Games - Friday
- Yousafzai PE - Tuesday

Communication and Dates

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either of us via the year2@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk

We very much look forward to the academic year ahead!

Kindest Regards,

The Year 2 Team