

Dear Year 2 Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you've had a wonderful summer and are fully refreshed for a fun filled year ahead.

This year our team consists of Mr Boucher, Mrs Bladon, Mrs Phelan and Mrs Wilkins. Please be assured that throughout the year we will be working together very closely as a team to ensure consistency and the absolute best for each and every child in our care. As you will know from Mrs Berry's letter last week, the timings for the school day are returning to pre-covid times. This means that your child will need to arrive at school between **8:40am and 8:55am** and enter through the blue door by the chapel. The school day will then be ending at **3:15pm** and the children will leave via the blue chapel doors as last year.

Please can I also remind you that children must have their PE kits in school all week. In Year 2, we have PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. PE kits must be in named bags and kept on children's pegs. Please ensure all items are labelled to avoid any items going missing.

Our topic this term is 'A Toy Story' where we will be looking at the changes in toys from the Victorian era to the present. To kick start our topic, we have a very exciting trip booked at the Dorchester Teddy Bear Museum (details will be sent out shortly). We will also be reading stories from famous authors such as AA Milne! We will complete our topic by creating our own Toy Museum in school and will invite parents/carers in to see this.

### Home learning

To link with our topic, you will find our home learning grid on the school website and Google Classrooms. These grids outline a selection of different tasks to be completed by the end of this half term. This home learning can be either submitted on Google Classrooms or if you have created something spectacular that you would like to display, please do bring it into school, the board is ready and waiting!

### Spellings

Every Friday, the children will have 5 spellings to learn from the statutory curriculum spelling list. In addition, they will have a new spelling rule (taught that week) to practise at home. The spelling check will happen on a Friday and will consist of the 5 words learnt and 5 words that apply that spelling rule. These spellings can be found on Google Classroom each week.



## Times tables

To support with speedy recall of times tables, we also ask that children spend no longer than 10 minutes a week completing their allocated challenges on Times Tables Rocks Stars (TTRS) at home.



## Reading

At St Augustine's, we believe that reading is an essential skill for all children and we hope that they enjoy reading for pleasure. Therefore, each year in Reception and Key Stage 1 we set children a 'Reading Challenge'. The aim is to encourage children of all ages to read aloud at home to an adult, develop their fluency and their love of reading! When a child achieves 30 'reads' this success will be shared in our Celebration Assembly on a Friday and children awarded with a special reading star badge. These badges can be worn proudly on their school jumpers! Additional badges can be won at 60 'reads, 100 'reads' and 150 'reads'.

We would like a 'read' to mean around 15-20 minutes of sharing a book with an adult.

1 'read' = 1 day.

Please use the yellow reading records to record when your child has read at home, these will be monitored by staff.



## Maths and English

Each week, there will be IXL Maths and English homework set on a Friday. This will either be based on what we have been covering in class or revising an area we should already know. Both Maths and English IXL links are optional.

## Meet the teacher

We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 3.25pm. This is for you to come into the classroom and discuss the new routines and expectations of the new year group. On this day, please collect your child from the Chapel door and we will welcome parents/guardians in through the main office door, where you will be asked to sign in.

We are very much looking forward to this year and thank you in advance for your support. After what has been an unprecedented few years, we are excited to get started in what will be a challenging but exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bladon, Mr Boucher, Mrs Phelan and Mrs Wilkins

