



## Welcome to Year 2!

Mrs Shirley and Mrs Ramsey are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This year we will have the following Teaching Assistants helping us: Mrs Dhokia, Miss Burton, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Johnson. If you wish to discuss anything about your child please feel free to ask any of us after school once the children have been collected (Unfortunately we are unavailable on Wednesdays).

### Reading

It is still important that you listen to your child read regularly. Research has shown if children are heard for at least 10 minutes every day they will become very successful and fluent readers. Discussion of the text is just as essential as word reading.

Please sign the new half term reading journals every time you child reads. This year we will be looking for star readers at the end of every half term. Please encourage your children to write about their reading in their journals and ensure that their journals are in school every day.

There will be a slight delay in reading journals coming home due to a supplier issue.

### Creative Curriculum topics this year will be taught across the curriculum.

Autumn 1: Dinosaurs and Dragons

Autumn 2: Kings and Queens

Spring 1 : Extraordinary Explorers

Spring 2: The Great Outdoors

Summer 1: Twisted Tales

Summer 2: Pack your Bags

### This Half Term

This half term our creative curriculum theme is called 'Dinosaurs and Dragons'. This will have a Literacy focus and will be looking at a great range of different dragon themed texts. We will be admiring the beautiful illustrations in Tell my a Dragon by Jackie Morris and trying to trap a drogon in our outside learning. In ICT we will be learning basic computer skills to support us with learning across the curriculum as well as how to keep safe online. In Science we will be learning about materials. Our focus author for this half term in Roald Dahl

As part of our new school routines your child will be brushing their teeth at the end of every lunch time. They have been provided with a toothbrush and hygiene cap. They will also be increasing their fitness by dancing to GoNoodle at the end of every lunchtime.





Finally we will be introducing a new spelling scheme called Head Start Spelling. Mrs Shirley will be running an information afternoon on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm in the school hall.

### Contact details

Please can you update contact details, like mobile numbers, at the office. Also make sure that you check book bags for letters regularly. This week we have sent home a letter about who can collect your child. Please can this be sent back as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

### Homework

In your child's homework book you will see a bingo square. Your child needs to complete at least one piece of homework a week. This is due in on a Wednesday and we will return the books on a Friday.

### Parent helpers

If anybody would like to volunteer to help within the class please see your child's teacher.

To be able to volunteer you will need to have an up to date DBS check-please see office for further details, this includes any school trips.

This year we will be sending Library books home- if you are available to help with this please see the class teacher.

### Reminders



Please ensure a **named PE kit** is in school on Tuesdays and that all jewellery is removed on these days. Please can you ensure that your child always has pumps/trainers in school as they will be going outside for PE.

As you know the weather at this time of year can be very changeable therefore please can you ensure your child has a **named** waterproof coat at school every day, we do go out to play rain or shine.

It would be great if you could send a pair of named wellies into school to allow us to learn outside in all weathers.

#### **Class assemblies:**

Cricket: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Dragonflies: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October