**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Welcome to Year 2**

Mr Dean and Mrs Peach are excited to welcome you into our class and hope you all had a lovely summer. We are excited to be back and ready with our exciting Year 2 curriculum. Please see bellow important information for Autumn 1 half term.

**Daily requirements**

It is important that your child is fully equipped to participate fully in the learning opportunities planned for them each day. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary in school every day – these will be given out next week. Please read and sign reading diaries daily, your child will earn dojos and raffle tickets for their engagement. Please ensure your child is in class on time for 8:45 for early bird maths, these are key maths skills which are practised and revisited during this time.

**Learning**

Our new History, Science, Computing, RE, Art and PSHCE units will begin this half term. Please find attached on the following page for more details about what your child will be learning throughout Autumn one. **PE will be taught on a Monday and a Thursday** so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits on these days. PE kit is black leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms with a white T-shirt, school jumper with black trainers. Please do not allow children come to school in earrings on PE days – for health and safety reasons children will not be able to partake in PE sessions if wearing earrings.

Please ensure that your child brings in their reading diary every day, we will be awarding children raffle tickets for each time they read at home with a chance to win a prize on a Friday from our class prize box. Children should be reading at home as part of their home learning at least 20 minutes a day (20 is plenty) to help them improve their fluency and comprehension. Please write in your child’s reading record when they read their book (either physical book or on Oxford Owl), watches a virtual classroom lesson or spends time on Reading Eggs. Children’s library books are changed on a **Friday afternoon.**

Children will receive weekly homework consolidating on the prior week’s learning, this will be handed out on Mondays and the due date will be Friday later in the week. If your child is struggling to complete the work at home, we are more than happy to provide support for them during break time if they need a refresher 😊. Children will be given reading records and time tables logs which is part of their homework to practice these skills which are covered in class.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or queries about anything.

Thank you in advance for your support this Year, we are confident that if we work together as a team your child will make fantastic progress in Year 2.

Kind Regards

**Mr Dean and Mrs Peach 😊**

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**Year 2 Curriculum Overview**

Autumn 1

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**Maths-**

We will be focussing on number, place value, addition and subtraction this half term. The children will practise reading and writing numbers to 100, compare and order numbers, and count in 2’s, 5’s and tens. Children will also practise strategies for adding and subtracting numbers within 100.

**English –**

Our ‘book for hook’ for this half term is ‘Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)’. The children will focus on using punctuation correctly and recording their ideas using cursive handwriting. Children will create their own narratives and instructions relating to our class text.

Everyday Materials



**Science**-

We will be learning about everyday materials and their properties. Children will learn how materials can change and compare the suitability of different materials. They will learn about an important inventor called John McAdam.

**Music-** We will be learning about South African music using the song ‘Hands, Feet, Heart’

**Art:**

This half term we will be practising our drawing skills. We will be applying a range of techniques through a mark making skills and develop their knowledge of artists. Children will use a range of resources to create different textures and apply expressions. Children will create their own comic strips to tell a story.

**Computing-**

Our computing unit for this half term is exploring the technology around us. We will be discussing what we use these for in day-to-day life, how we use these at home, at school and in the wider world. We will be looking at how need to be careful when using IT both through health and online safety.

**PE:**

Children will develop their throwing and catching skills developing both their fine and gross motor skills. They will also partake in team building activities.

**PSHCE:**

Our PSHCE unit this half term will be focusing on our Hopes and Fears for the Year. We will explore what are their responsibilities and exploring rewards and consequences. We will practise working together and learn to be considerate of each other’s feelings.

**RE-**

This half term we will be exploring our big question “What do Christians believe God is like? We will find out what parables are and know that these stories were told by Jesus to teach his followers about God.

**History-** We will be learning about significant explorers including Neil Armstrong, Christopher Colombus and Ibn Battuta. We will create timelines, research the significant events of their lives and how they contributed to our understanding of the world (and beyond!) today.