

# Welcome!

We aim to answer any questions that you may have about our daily timetable and the Year Two curriculum.

Year 2 teachers:

Mrs Brokenbrow, Mr Kemal and Mr Attwood.



## Teaching routines:

- Mrs Colclough and Mrs Jorgensson will be our Teaching Assistants across the three classes for this year, working with groups of children at a time to ensure essential progress is achieved.
- In Year 2 the class will have French lessons taught by Madame Taylor, games lessons taught by our Sports Coaches and dance lessons taught by dance teachers. These will be on Monday afternoons.



## Curriculum:

- School has 'bought into' a number of different resources and schemes of work and we will be using these alongside our own school planning, as and when appropriate, to ensure children have a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Age related expectations can be found on the class pages.
- More information will be shared in the Spring Term to explain the assessment process for Year 2 children.

#### Seesaw



- This year we are using Seesaw in Year 2.
- This is an online platform where children can add pictures and videos of their work.
   Annotations and voice notes can be added to pictures by children.
- Each child has a folder which they can add work to.
- Only teachers and members of SLT from St.
  Thomas' will have access to these accounts.



### Homework:

- Given out on Mondays, to be completed, but not necessarily handed in. Our focus is more on the engagement and enjoyment of the activities.
- Homework will be set on PurpleMash. Children will be reminded of their username and login.
- There will be one homework activity per week.
  This could be a spelling activity, maths game or topic work.
- Please feel free to comment on your child's homework.



### Reading:

- It is essential that children bring their reading books to school on their reading day. Your child will have been given their reading day already.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their individual reading books on their reading day.
- The Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant will listen to your child read within a guided reading session each week.
- Guided reading will be a taught session and there will be a weekly focus on one of the different reading skills; vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval and sequencing.
- Please support your child by encouraging them to read on a daily basis, for a minimum of 10 minutes, and signing their Reading Record on a weekly basis.



#### PE and Games:

- Children will come to school in their PE kit on a Monday as this is our outdoor PE day.
- Indoor PE kit should be in school at all times as this may be required for other purposes.
- Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit.
- All kit should be clearly named. Kits will be kept in school at all times and will be sent home at the end of each half term.
- Please feel free to check the lost property for missing items.
- To encourage the children's independence, we ask for your support in reminding your children to bring all their belongings with them at the end of the day. If they do forget something, we ask that only the children return to the classroom to retrieve it.



#### Communication:

- Information will be sent home via e-mail or text.
- We may also use Class Dojo to communicate personally with you, so please check this regularly.
- If you want to speak to your child's Class Teacher personally or need to discuss a matter at length then please send a letter or call the office to request an appointment at a mutually convenient time.
- Class Dojo is also a very useful communication tool for you to contact teachers about minor things.



## Whole school messages:

 If you would like to request time off for your child during term time, you must seek permission from Ms Loynes.

Request forms can be found in the office.



We look forward to a wonderful year with your children, we will do our best to help them progress as much as possible!

Thank you for your time. Are there any questions we can answer?