

# Welcome to Year 2!

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break over half term. The children have made a fantastic start to Year 2 and have risen to the expectations of being 'Top Infants'. We attach a copy of our Autumn 2 curriculum overview of topics that will be taught this half term. This is an extremely busy and exciting time with Christmas just around the corner and lots to work towards such as the Nativity and a variety of Christmas celebrations.

**Teachers in Year 2** Mrs Oaten will teach Y2 throughout the week and Mrs Quinn will teach on Thursday afternoon. Mrs Carmon will be our teaching assistant on Monday, Tuesday all day and Thursday morning. Please do not hesitate to come and see Mrs Oaten if you have any questions or queries.

## Reading in Year 2

Your child has been given a book and a reading diary to bring home and read with an adult. Whenever your child reads please ensure the diary is dated and signed with any relevant comments. Daily reading is essential to ensure they progress well. Books will be changed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The children will be expected to hand their book in for changing. They will need to keep their reading diary and book in their book bags to bring to school every day. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school in class and in the library.

## Star of the Week

Every Friday one child will be chosen to be our 'Star of the Week' and two children will be invited to be in celebration worship which takes place on a Friday at 2:30pm in the school hall. We will contact you to let you know who is taking part by text so look out on a Thursday. Celebration worship will begin again on Friday 15th September. All families are invited to join us.

## Nativity

All Y2 children have speaking parts in the nativity play. Children are required to have their scripts in their book bags at all times so we can rehearse throughout this half term.

## General Reminder

- The children will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week and that all items are clearly labelled. Earrings should not be worn for P.E so we advise they should be removed on the day of the lesson.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are expected to check them each morning and give things in before the morning register.
- The children will have a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Children will be given spellings to learn on a Friday to take home and will be tested the following week.
- Homework will be a piece of English and Maths but may also include topic work and research depending on what is being taught that week. Most homework tasks will be set from the purple, red and white booklets your child has been given. The blue homework diary will show the task set. The homework wallet will be given out on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday to allow time for marking. The children will need to learn their addresses as part of our topic work. Big talk homework is given out on Wednesday to inform parents of our writing focus and give an opportunity for discussion at home before the children do an extended piece of writing on Thursday morning.