



# Spring 1- Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you've had a lovely Christmas break 😊 We have many exciting things planned for this half term and are looking forward to working with you all.

The teachers in year 2 are:

**Mice:** Mrs Challinor & Mrs Birkle

**Hedgehogs:** Miss Oxnard

**Mrs Micek-Bettison** and **Mrs Moore** will be the TAs supporting Year 2 this year

**Miss Dalling** will teach PE on Wednesdays

## What we are learning this term:

Maths	Shape, multiplication and division, money,
English	Creative writing, Narrative- a meeting story, poetry
Science	Animals, including humans
DT	Wheels and Axels- vehicles
Geography	What makes London special?
Music	Musical moods and pictures
PE	Gymnastics and Invasion games
Computing	I-programme
PSHE	Rights and Respect

## DT boxes needed

Please could you start to collect/send in small boxes e.g. shoe box/cereal box or smaller boxes ready for our DT project making vehicles in week 4. Thank you

## Gulliver's Valley Residential Trip

The trip is now booked and all places filled. Further reminders about payments will be sent out over the next term and a half. In the summer term we will have a meeting to give you further information.

## P.E. for both classes is on Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Please send your child to school **DRESSED IN THEIR PE kit** on the above days. i.e. plain white t-shirt, black shorts/black joggers, plimsolls/ trainers.

Please note that jewellery is **not** permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. If your child cannot take their earrings out, please make sure they have been removed before school or provide plasters or tape to cover them. Children with long hair should wear their hair up during PE lessons so please ensure they have a bobble.

## Uniform

Please ensure **all of** your child's uniform and PE kit (especially cardigans, jumpers and sports jackets) are clearly labelled with their name and class.

## Water Bottles

Please send your child with a water bottle each day.

## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a 'healthy' snack for playtime in the morning. We provide fruit in the afternoons. Please do not send crisps, biscuits or chocolate for morning snacks. Ideally fruit or veg based are best. Thank you.

## Phonics & Spelling

The majority of children will now be on the Little Wandle spelling programme this half term. Some will still have additional phonics as well. If your child did not pass the Year 1 phonic screening test, they will continue to receive booster groups and retake the test later this year.

Children will be continue to bring home a list of spellings to learn over the week. We will do a spelling test on Fridays. If your child is struggling with learning the spellings, please contact us for some more support.

## Reading

Please try to read with your child **at least 3 times per week** at home. Please make a note in your child's organiser, when they have read at home with you. The total reads across the class will be collected on a running total across the year. When we reach 1000 reads, we will be taking the children on an exciting trip to the local library as a reward!



Children will bring home a new decodable reading book on Mondays and a book of their choice according to their colour band on Fridays. **Please ensure these come back each week.**

Please make sure that reading books and organisers are available in school every day. Your child will either, take part in small group reads each week or whole class reading sessions depending on their phonic ability. The whole class reads will not be recorded in their reading diaries. However, organisers are also used in other lessons such as computing, so it is important that they are always available.

## Doodle Maths

The children have made a great start with Doodle maths. Please continue to encourage your child to reach the 'Green zone'. This will form their weekly homework. You will find their password and login details in the front of their organiser.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of the Year 2 team. We will keep you updated via Class Dojo on any information that you need. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this half term 😊

Kind regards, Year 2 team