



## Autumn Term Newsletter

Year 2

Marigold & Buttercup

### The Year 2 Week – things to remember

**Monday:** PE with class teacher - trainers or plimssoles

**Wednesday:** Full PE kit (come to school); reading books and homework to be returned to school

**Friday:** Reading books and home work to go home

### Curriculum

Please see the attached Topic Map for an overview of this term's curriculum. Please come and ask if you have any questions.



### Trips

To support our learning on The Fire of London we will be visiting Fire! Fire! At The Tower of London - please look out for a letter with further information.

### PE Kit

Children are to wear their correct PE kit to school on their PE days with Mr Oakley - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Black fleece/sweatshirt for the winter.

### Home Learning

*Reading books:* reading at home is so important to further develop your child's love of reading. We will issue a new reading book every Friday. Please return on Wednesday. Children will bring home a levelled book based on the level they are reading in school. They will also be able to choose a free choice from the Class Library.

In addition to these, we strongly encourage children to read a book from our Reading Challenge scheme. These books will have a sticker on the front labelled 'Year 2'. On the return of the book, they will receive a sticker on their record cards indicating a bronze, silver or gold book has been read. Once all the books in the level have been read, they will receive a special award badge. Please ensure you read with your child and that these books are returned at the end of each week as we only have a very limited number of each book.

We expect the children to read for at least 15 minutes at home daily. Please comment in their reading record books so that we know that the children have read at home.

*Spelling practice:* the children will be given a login for Spelling Shed to access a game with the week's spellings. They must practice these words in their homework books and write them in sentences.

*Mathematics homework:* A sheet will be added to the homework book and must be completed in pencil only. Sometimes they might get games to play with you as homework. Numbots will continue this year. A login sticker will be added to the homework book.

*Phonics revision:* please continue to revisit all phonics phases.

### Attendance and Punctuality

It is really important that your child arrives at school promptly every day to help them settle in to their learning routines. It is also important to be collected promptly.

**GATE OPENS: 8:50am      START OF THE DAY: 9:00am      END OF THE DAY: 3:30pm**

Attendance is compulsory for all children. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness, medical appointments and absence is crucial.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions.

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### Key Dates

Please find below some of the key dates for the upcoming term.

Please make sure you look out for regular newsletters and any communication from the admin team about future events as they are scheduled.

Harvest Assembly – 9:30am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October *Rectory Gardens*

Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Children return to school - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Maths Stay & play – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

\*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

### General Reminders

- PLEASE NAME all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc. We regularly end up with bundles of unnamed uniform or sports clothes, which are piling up in the lost property container.
- Children are given a healthy snack at morning play time, however, if you want to send in your own, please do.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please also ensure that your child wears black shoes to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- We are a strictly nut-free school; please remember this for packed lunches and party/birthday treats.
- We are strictly a latex-free school, i.e. no latex materials including balloons, rubber bands, latex gloves etc.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#).

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please do contact the School Office, and we can phone you or make an appointment - we really value close communication with you.

***Mrs Vidic & Miss Carroll***

***Year 2 Team***