

## Year 2 Parent Information



### Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.

#### **General Information:**

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for Health and Safety reasons or the children have tape in school.

**PE for each class will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**Tuesday** - Please send your child into school wearing a P.E. kit. **Please ensure this is black shorts and jogging bottoms, white t-shirt or polo shirt and a black jacket or jumper.**

**Wednesday** - Children should come to school wearing their school uniform. Please ensure they have a PEO kit in school (which stays on their peg until half term).

#### **Homework:**

- Reading each night 10-15 minutes. Please record any reading in the yellow reading record.

They will also be set homework ONLINE on:

- Spelling Shed
- Maths Shed
- Reading Eggs.

This will be set on a Friday and will need to be completed by Thursday. Logins for all online platforms can be found in the back of your child's reading record.

#### **Year 2 - SATS dates**

Year 2 SATS will take place over the 2 weeks beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. It is important that all children are in school to take these assessments. **Please ensure no holidays are booked during these weeks.**

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of readiness, resilience, resourcefulness, responsibility and reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to do their homework and bring their reading records and reading book to school each day. There is a homework club on Friday should your child not do their homework or you wish them to do it in school.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this overview or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs McLean and Miss Teager

Below are details of what your child will be learning in school during this term.

During the first half term our Topic is: <b>Would you rather live in Corringham or Rio?</b>	
<p><b>English:</b> The children will be looking at the book 'The Bear under the Stairs' by Helen Cooper. They will use it as a model to write letters to and from the main character and write their own story about a child who is scared of something. We will also be reading 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. The children will write statements as predictions and use contracted verbs to write letters of advice. They will draw on the author's use of language to write a short news report and create a report on a member of the 'animal orchestra'.</p>	<p><b>Maths:</b> We will continue to develop the children's ability to solve problems and apply their mathematical knowledge. We will focus on money, multiplication and division. The children will learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will be learning to share equally and use their multiplication facts. They will be introduced to Times Table Rock Stars.</p>
<p><b>P.E.</b> The focus of learning is to develop dribbling in order to keep control and possession of the ball. The children will also explore and respond to a stimuli through structured tasks.</p>	<p><b>Geography:</b> The children will name the continents of the world. They will look at the United Kingdom and the location of Corringham. We will locate Rio and make geographical comparisons between Corringham and Rio.</p>
<p><b>Computing:</b> We will be learning how to touch type, using games and activities.</p>	<p><b>PSHE:</b> We will be looking at the topic 'What jobs do people do?'</p>
<p><b>R.E:</b> The children will be learning about Judaism as a religion and how to express their own ideas about celebrations.</p>	<p><b>Music:</b> The children will be performing in an ensemble context using instruments (tuned and untuned percussion) to play and perform 'The Family Madrigal' from Encanto (linked to Rio Carnival)</p>
<p><b>MFL:</b> The children will be learning - adjectives for characteristics - Leisure activities - Telling the time and Numbers 31-60</p>	<p><b>Art:</b> We will create a headdress for the Rio Carnival by using weaving to create a pattern and joining materials using glue and plaiting.</p>
During the second half term our Topic is: <b>Who were the Victorians?</b>	
<p><b>Date of trip - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Braintree Victorian Museum (Victorian child costume needed)</b></p>	
<p><b>English:</b> We will be reading 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Children will explore the themes of the poem, write letters, create interviews and lists and innovate the poem to create their own versions. We will also be reading 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Willis. They will write their own version of the text and write an explanation text outlining the lifecycle of a frog.</p>	<p><b>Maths:</b> Our focus for this half term will be measurement. We will be measuring using cm and m. We will compare and order length and height. We will be measuring in g and kg and make comparisons of weight and capacity. The children will also measure using ml and l. Using all four operations, we will solve problems involving measurement.</p>
<p><b>P.E.</b> The focus of the learning is to create and understand simple attacking principles, applying them as a team into a game. They will also develop dribbling using their feet in order to keep control and possession of the ball.</p>	<p><b>History:</b> We will be learning about The Victorians. During our trip, children will learn to handle a range of artefacts and experience a lesson in a Victorian classroom. We will also learn about Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale.</p>
<p><b>MFL:</b> The children will be learning to say basic directions, weather, cost of items, clothing.</p>	<p><b>PSHE:</b> Looking at families, how they are different and how they care for each other.</p>
<p><b>Computing:</b> We will be carrying out research about the Victorians and creating a power point presentation.</p>	<p><b>Music:</b> The children will develop an understanding of great composers, musicians, styles and traditions and the history of music, learning about Ravel (French) and Duke Ellington (American) and listening to some of their music and comparing it</p>
<p><b>Art:</b> Children will study the features of Victorian portraits before creating a portrait of Queen Victoria.</p>	<p><b>R.E.</b> The children will be learning to understand Judaism as a religion and express their own ideas about celebrations.</p>