

Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Firstly, welcome to Year 2! We are looking forward to working together with you and your child, so that everyone has a very exciting and productive year. Mrs Sanders will be teaching every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays and Mrs Hames will be teaching Thursdays (except Lesson 5, where Mrs Sanders will teach) and Fridays. Our Teaching Assistants will be Mrs Lonnen each morning and Mrs Rushen each afternoon. We hope that you and your children enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer and that they continue to flourish!

Communication between school and home is key to children's development, so please do not hesitate to come and speak to any member of the Year 2 team, when you feel necessary. The **Home Liaison Diaries** are also checked **daily**, so please feel free to write us a note if you are not able to speak to us in person. Home Liaison books also need to be signed whenever you have listened to your child read at home.

Reading in Year 2

Your child has been given a reading book based on where they finished Year 1. They will continue to follow our Reading Scheme, moving through the colour bands.



When we feel your child is ready, they will begin the AR Reading Scheme. The books that will go home will be initially based on Star Reader Assessments, which will give teachers an indication on where children are comfortable with their reading. The children will read their books at school and at home, and when parents let us know the children are ready, they will be quizzed. If the children score 100% twice, they will move to the next banding. It is therefore really important to keep reading with your children and record when this happens in their Home Liaison books. Many thanks for your continued support, it really does make a difference to your children.

Please also note that reading a book more than once can really help children gain a deeper understanding of the text and characters they have read. You can check your child's understanding by asking questions about the book.

General Reminders

- Spellings will continue to be sent out on a weekly basis, and children will be tested on a **Monday**.
- **PE** will be on a **Monday**. Children need a white t-shirt, black/ blue shorts and pumps or trainers. If your child has ear-rings, it would be preferable if they were removed for their safety.

- **Homework** will be given out every **Friday**, and will alternate between English and Maths. Once a half term there will be Theme homework.
- Children need to bring a named water bottle daily and a healthy snack, please **no** chocolate.

During May 2019, the children in Year 2 will also complete SAT's. We shall be working hard all year to achieve the best outcomes for your children, through a wide and varied curriculum and where we strive to make the learning inspiring, fun and challenging. In April, a SAT's meeting will provide you with more details but please come and speak to us, if you have any queries.

'Inspiring People' topic

Our topic this half term will be Inspiring People. These are significant people from the children's lives and from the past. An outline of the curriculum for this half term is as follows:



English- Stories from familiar settings- based on 'Willy the Wizard'; diary entries based on significant people from the past, such as Neil Armstrong.

Maths- Place value, counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10, forwards and backwards up to 100. Addition and Subtraction. Problem-solving.

Science- Materials and their properties

Art/ DT: Portraits

History- Learning about the lives of famous explorers, with a focus on The First Man on the Moon.

PE- Games: Dribbling, Kicking and Hitting

RE- Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

Music: The children will learn about body percussion and have the chance to explore different sounds, songs and chants.

If your child has any books or artefacts relating to our topic, please bring them in on a **Tuesday** or a **Friday** for **Show and Tell** time. The class have had superb attendance since coming back- let's keep that up this year! Please let us know if your child is off school through illness and we can support their return to learning. Every day at school really does matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Olivia Sanders and Mrs Clare Hames