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Year 2 – Purple Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Purple Class and to a new school year!
The children have made a fantastic start to the term, settling in beautifully to their new classroom and routines. We're looking forward to an exciting and enriching year ahead! This year, the Year 2 teaching team consists of Miss Begum, who will be teaching all day on Mondays and each morning from Tuesday to Thursday, and Mrs Browne, who will be teaching every afternoon from Tuesday to Thursday and all day on Fridays. We are also fortunate to have a dedicated team of support staff working with us in Year 2, including Mrs Ali, Maria Ivancuta, Milo Cook, Rosanna Rahman, Jameelah Rahman, and Rukeya Begum.
We have a busy and exciting term ahead, and we would like to share some key information about our learning and topics coming up!

Curriculum
This term our main geography topic is **The United Kingdom**. We will be learning about the countries in the UK and their capital cities, focusing on key landmarks and geographical features. We will look in closer detail at London with a history focus on the Gunpowder Plot, The Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys. If you have any resources or books that can support the children's learning, then please do let us know. In Art, the children will learn about Impressionism as an art movement and will produce a cityscape in this style - which also links beautifully to our London topic. In science the children will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats; in linking with this learning, we are hoping that Mrs Goulden will continue to run the very popular Gardening Club - we will keep you updated when we know more. Gardening club is when the children will take it in turns to help out in the school allotment in small groups. This term they'll hopefully be harvesting some of the vegetables planted last term, planting bulbs, enjoying seeing what happens as autumn approaches and doing lots of jobs getting everything ready for the colder weather to come.

We love having visitors in school so if any of our current topics happen to be one of your specialist subjects/favourite hobbies (any impressionist painters out there?! City planners? London underground drivers?!) then please do come and speak with us.

The **Medium-Term Overview** provides further information about everything we will be doing this term and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Reading
Reading books need to be in every day as one group at a time will change their reading book each afternoon. The children will also have the opportunity to change their library book on a Monday morning too. Ideally we would like the children to be reading daily at home, either with an adult or older sibling. Before moving them to the next book band level, we will check that they have 95%-100% fluency on their current level, which means they should be able to read the book easily. This builds reading confidence; we provide them more of a challenge in our weekly whole class guided reading sessions. In these sessions we focus on decoding texts as well as looking at a range of stories and extracts for comprehension.

Homework
As well as reading at home, homework will be set once a week on a Wednesday or Thursday. In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. From

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time to time it may also include an activity from another area of the curriculum. Homework should take no more than 20-30 minutes so please do not spend longer than this. Please return it to the homework tray by the following **Tuesday** to give us time to look at it before sending the books home again - more information on homework is in the front of the homework books.

PE Kits

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**. Children will be required to come into school with their PE kits on those days. This should include the Camp School PE top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile (for year 2, two laps) on the school's running track - but they do not need to be in a PE kit for this. Monday lessons will mostly be indoors and Friday lessons will mostly be outdoors for this term. As we edge towards winter this term, please make sure children have a jumper to wear outside for PE (school jumper / plain black or navy) - and please make sure these are named. Similarly, please send children with appropriate coats and outwear as the weather changes through the seasons. These should also be named.

Equipment/Uniform

Children should bring a named water bottle with them each day, filled only with water. Their school bag should be large enough to take home an A4 piece of work. Long hair needs to be tied back and only simple stud earrings are allowed, but not to be worn on PE days. Please see our website for full details of the school uniform. In KS1 fruit is available daily and toast is now only provided on Fridays. Due to this we are happy for you to provide a healthy snack for the children to have during their break. Toast can be paid for via Arbor. The children are celebrated in a special assembly when it is their birthday and will receive a birthday book, kindly donated by the PA. Please do not bring in 'birthday sweets'.

Home toys

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys from home into school, as we want to avoid any risk of them getting lost or damaged. Year 2 already has a lovely selection of cuddly toys available in our reading corner for the children to enjoy during quiet time. We also have our class puppet, Yeti, who plays a special role in our learning and classroom adventures!

Craft and cooking contribution

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards cooking and craft activities that we have planned for this term. If you would like to make a contribution this can be done via Arbor.

Year 2 Winter Performance

After half term we will start work on our Year 2 Winter Performance which will take place on Wednesday 3rd December in the afternoon and 4th December in the morning.

Communication

The best time to catch us for a quick conversation is at the end of the day or first thing in the morning. Should you have any concerns you wish to discuss in more detail we can schedule a time to talk so that we have the time needed to address these properly. Please do come to us (or send an email via the office) with any concerns or questions. We look forward to getting to know you and your children and to a fabulous year ahead!

Best wishes,

Miss Begum, Mrs Browne and the Year 2 team