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Year 2 - Purple Class Newsletter - Summer Term 2026

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you have all had a lovely and restful break. As some of you may be aware, there have been some changes in the timetable for this term. Milo will now be covering the class on Tuesday afternoons, which is very exciting. Milo knows the class very well, and the children really enjoy them leading the class. Mrs Browne will now be teaching all day on Thursdays.

The children have settled back well and responded to the changes to the timetable brilliantly and are already making a great start to this term's learning. We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning we have to look forward to.

This term, Year 2 will be performing their **class assembly on 7th May at 9:10am**. The children are very excited to share some of their fantastic learning.
We also have some exciting events coming up, including a visit from the Mayor on **27th April**. As part of their English learning, the class wrote letters to the Mayor of St Albans, Theresa Heritage, and to the Royal Family. We were delighted to receive a reply from the Royal Family, thanking the children for their thoughtful letter and recognising our hard work. We have also heard back from the Mayor, who has kindly accepted our invitation to visit the class and share more about her role and experiences in education.

The **Medium Term Overview** provides further information about the curriculum that we will cover this term. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Reading
Reading books will continue to be changed throughout the week, so please ensure that reading books and reading records are in your child's book bag every day. Before moving children to the next level, we will check that they have 95% fluency on their current level which means they should be able to read the book easily. This builds reading confidence. We provide more of a challenge in our weekly whole class guided reading sessions - in these sessions we focus much more on vocabulary choices, understanding and comprehension of a range of texts. Library books are changed every Monday, so books should also be brought in on that day. Children have up to two weeks to read their library book before returning it and choosing a new one. Ideally we would like the children to be reading daily at home, either with an adult or older sibling.

PE
Our PE days are now **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure the children come into school in appropriate PE kits and trainers. This should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. A pair of socks would be useful too if your child wears tights to school - although as we come into summer this will be less of an issue. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile (for Year 2, two laps) on the school's running track.

Homework
As well as reading at home, homework will continue to be set once a week on a Thursday. In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. From time to time it may also include an activity from another area of the curriculum. Homework should

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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 Wednesday to give us time to look at it before sending the books home again. Homework is designed to provide practice of skills learnt in class and should feel easily achievable, so please do let us know if this is not the case. The children have been shown fun ways to practice learning their spelling words. These ideas have also been stuck in their homework books to refer to each week. In Year 2 we focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. If your children already feels confident and can recall facts quickly, (including related division facts) the next tables to work on are 3 and 8 - do share with us any good methods of practicing the times tables that you've had fun with.

Craft and cooking contribution
We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £6 towards cooking and craft activities that we have planned for this term. We ask that parents make this payment on Arbor under Trips>Craft & Cooking Year 2 Summer 26 please. Thank you.

Communication
The best time to catch us for a quick conversation is at the end of the day. Should you have any concerns you wish to discuss in more detail we can schedule a time to address these properly. Please do come to us (or send an email via the office) with any concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

Miss Begum and Mrs Browne
The Year 2 Team