



St George's Primary School

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Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

I am delighted to welcome all children back to school after what has been a very unusual time for us all. The children have all settled well into year 2 and have had an enjoyable, and very warm, first week back.

All newsletters will be sent via email in a bid to reduce our carbon footprint, they will also be available on the school website. Paper copies are available on request by emailing schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk We would encourage you to please make sure the school office has your email address.

The class teachers and TAs in Year 2 this year are: 2A – Mrs Malloy/Mrs Price and Mrs Eaton
2B – Miss Gough-Hughes and Mrs Hewson
2C – Miss Cumming and Mrs Dagnall
2D – Mrs Cameron-Ivanov/Miss Willacy and Mrs Wood

Our weekly timetable

Day	Event	PE
Monday		2A
Tuesday		2B
Wednesday	Homework to be completed on Seesaw. 2D Outdoor learning	2D
Thursday	2A, 2B, 2C outdoor learning	2C
Friday	Homework set on Seesaw Assembly	

PE

Each class will have PE on a specific day – please see the table above. Children should come in on their PE day wearing PE kits. Please ensure that children do wear the correct PE kit which is black/navy shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, pumps or trainers and a black/navy long sleeved jumper or hoody.

Drinks and Snacks

Children should bring a water bottle in every day. This will be accessible to them throughout the day. All Key Stage One children will receive a piece of fruit for snack every morning. If children prefer to bring in their own snack, they should only bring in a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Please do not send in chocolate, crisps, sweets or anything containing nuts.



Autumn Learning

We are starting the year by exploring a variety of traditional tales. We will be looking at character and setting descriptions to help support and inspire our reading and writing. In History lessons, we will be learning about how music has changed throughout the years with a special focus on some local music such as The Beatles. The children will also be learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom in their Geography lessons. Through science, we will investigate living things, learning and practicing skills such as classification, looking at data and formulating questions that can be answered in different ways.

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Outdoor Learning

This year we are hoping to further develop learning opportunities outdoors. We will be weaving outdoor learning through lots of our subjects during the year. We are very excited to be able to take learning outside and use nature to enhance our lessons. Mrs Cameron-Ivanov will work with all of the classes on weekly outdoor learning lessons. The children have already enjoyed their first outdoor learning session and showed great enthusiasm for being outdoors.

Homework

Reading books can be changed daily in year 2 and we expect children to read at home at least 4 times a week. This reading should be recorded in their yellow reading diaries. We recommend that reading becomes part of your child's routine and they aim to read for 10 minutes every day. If you would like to read extra books at home you can access lots of books online at www.oxfordowl.co.uk. We will also assign your child a weekly reading book on Oxford Owl. This will be the RWInc book that they are using in school. Once the children have completed Read Write Inc and are reading fluently they will progress to the reading system that is used in Key Stage 2 'Accelerated Reader'. More information will follow on this later in the year.

All children have received a new Seesaw password. Homework activities will be posted on Seesaw every Friday. The children will be given weekly spellings. They will practise writing these and complete activities given in an exercise book that will stay at home. These can be returned at the end of each half term or you can post a picture of their spelling work to your child's Seesaw account.

Please remember to check Seesaw regularly as the teachers will often post pictures of what the children have been doing in school.



Reading

Over the summer, we have had many donations of books from our Amazon wish list. These books will be used to enhance our curriculum over the next academic year. We would like to say a big thank you for donations so far. You can still purchase a book for school from the wish list here:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2053L1BNT08X7?ref=wl_share

RESPECT and Behaviour

During this half term, the children will be learning about the word **RESILIENCE** and what this means to them. They will be thinking about how they can use resilience to overcome difficulties and to help them to progress academically and socially. Each week the teachers will nominate children that they have noticed being resilient. These children will be known as our 'Learning Heroes'. They will receive a special certificate and will have their picture displayed on the wall. During the first week back at school the children created class charters in which they discuss their own roles and responsibilities with regards to their behaviour and conduct in school. It has been a very positive way to start the school year with the children keen to follow their charters and stay in the positive behaviour zones. The children will continue to be rewarded for outstanding behaviour with Blue and Gold stickers!

We also choose specific 'learning heroes' who show us the behaviours and character education we are focusing on each half term – our learning hero for this half term is 'Amelia Earhart'. We have already started to learn about her life and have enjoyed discussing how she shows resilience and perseverance.

The teachers and I are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children as the year progresses. We will be updating the school website regularly so please remember to look on the year 2 pages for further information. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I aim to be available on the school gate each morning but if you do need to contact me at all please do so through the school office. schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Horton

Year 1 and 2 Assistant Headteacher

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