



# Year Two – Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer holiday and I am sure that you are now ready to start the new school year. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very productive year. I hope that you enjoy the challenges and approaches to learning that Year Two has to offer.

This year your child is in Year Two with Miss Cochrane, Karen & Carol

This handout will provide an overview of what your child will be covering this term, as well as expectations with regards to homework. I hope that you find it useful but please feel free to speak with me with any questions or queries you may have.

## Routines

### Homework

Your child's homework is set on a Wednesday afternoon on Google Classroom and needs to be uploaded by the following Wednesday morning.

Spellings will be tested on Wednesdays.

Homework will be spelling based. Children will be expected to complete maths homework using NumBots.

In terms of the spelling homework, please assist your child with this valuable part of their learning by ensuring they complete all homework to the best of their ability and provide them with support when necessary.

### Spellings

Spellings are given out with homework each Wednesday and should be learnt through the week for a spelling test the following Wednesday. You will receive your child's spelling result in their reading record each week (these need to be in school every day).

Children will complete 2 tasks relating to the **10** spellings given.

### Reading

Your child will be given a staged/phase book that will be taken home with them. There is no set day for changing books as children will be read to at different points in the week. To facilitate this please ensure your child's reading book and reading record is in their book bag every day. It is very important to hear your child read out loud each day and ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding and develop their comprehension skills (see questions inside their Reading Record).

Their school reading book can be read more than once to ensure they not only read the words but most importantly, understand what it is about. Please remember to record the date and page number along with your signature. This helps us monitor your child's progress.

In Key Stage One, we expect 3 signatures a week as well as one written comment using the KS1 reading comprehension skills sheet that is in the front of your child's reading record. If you read other stories please feel free to write them in your child's reading record too. I strongly encourage children to read other books from home or the library in addition to the stage/phase book sent home from school.

As well as one-to-one reading, shared reading will take place where children have opportunities to answer questions and discuss the texts with their peers. Children will also complete reading comprehension tasks in class.

At Boutcher, we promote a reading for pleasure environment and ensure that children have opportunities to choose texts more freely. Your child will spend time in our class reading corner and also have a weekly visit to the school library. Our library visit will take place on **Thursdays** so please ensure that, if your child borrows a library book, they have it in school on this day to be returned so that another book can be chosen to take home and enjoy. It is important to return books because we have spent thousands of pounds on resources for our library and every book that is not returned needs money to be replaced. Funding is very tight and books not being returned could have an impact on how our library is used.

### Uniform (including PE and swimming)

A child's book bag with their reading folder in (reading record and reading book must be inside) These are considered to be school uniform and must be in school each day. Water bottles can be brought into class with your child's name on.

Please ensure all items of your child's uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled with their name to ensure they can be easily recovered if lost and minimise the cost of replacement.

PE will take place on Thursdays. Children can come to school dressed in their PE kit and do not need to bring their school uniform on this day.

Swimming will take place on Mondays. Children need to come to school dressed in their school uniform and bring in a bag with their swimming costume/trunks, goggles, towel and a swimming hat. Swimming and water safety are statutory element of the National Curriculum for PE in England.

Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform and following the guidelines for hair bow/band colours etc.

This term your child will be learning the following:

### Writing

We will continue a book based approach to the teaching of our English. Across the school, we have found that using a text as a stimulus for their writing brings much enthusiasm and gives them a purpose to what they write. Children will have a range of writing tasks both fiction and non-fiction. They will write in role of characters, write letters and diary entries, they will have opportunities to write stories, newspaper articles and non-chronological reports. In all lessons children will be learning or consolidating skills in phonics, grammar, punctuation, reading and handwriting. For the first half term we will be reading the book Ocean meets Sky.

### Maths

Throughout the year, children in Year Two will develop mental and written methods in all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and will have opportunities to apply these skills to puzzles and mathematical problems and investigations.

This term we will begin with number, counting and place value. We will be focussing on:

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, in ones, beginning with 0 or 1 or from any given number
- Count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10 to the 12th multiple
- Read and write numbers in numerals to 100
- Read and write numbers in words beyond 20 and match to the numerals
- Given a number, begin to identify ten more and ten less within 100 using structured apparatus (such as a 100 square) and number lines
- Order and compare numbers from 0 to 100
- Partition a two-digit number into tens and ones to demonstrate an understanding of place value, using structured resources

We will be developing our reasoning skills by tackling word problems and practical problems that involve counting in twos, fives and tens.

Examples:

Counting a set of 5p coins in a purse.

What number is missing from this sequence? 8,10,14,16, 18. How do you know?

### Religious Education

Our RE focus this term is Why did Jesus teach the Lord's prayer as the way to pray? We will look at the themes within the Lord's prayer.

## Science

This term, we will be learning about Animals including Humans. This will build on from their learning in Year 1 and children will look at how young animals and humans compare to adults and how they change as they grow. Children are introduced to the three basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air). Children look at healthy lifestyles, including the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.

## Computing

The focus of computing this term will be the importance of keeping ourselves safe when using the internet. Children will also have opportunities to use other computing equipment across the curriculum.

## PSHE

At Boutcher School, we teach Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) and relationships as a whole-school approach to underpin children's development as people and because we believe that this also supports their learning capacity. We use the Jigsaw Programme which offers us a comprehensive, carefully thought-through Scheme of Work which brings consistency and progression to our children's learning in this vital curriculum area. The Curriculum map can be found on the school website. The first topic being covered across the school is: Being Me in My World. In this unit, children think about understanding their identity and how they fit well in the class, school and global community.

## Theme

Our topic this term is Geography based, 'Our wonderful world'. We will be developing our atlas and map skills as well as locating the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

## Music

Children will have African drumming lessons each week on a Wednesday afternoon.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September- Harvest festival at St Mary Magdalen Church led by Year Two.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October- Year Two's service (School Hall 9:40am).

Please check the newsletter each week (on the website) for other important dates or events.

Please have a look at our class page on the school website.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this letter, or any other matter of concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available at the end of the day to answer quick questions; however appointments can be made via the school office to discuss any more lengthy matters or concerns. You may also wish to send a private comment on Google Classroom.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Cochrane