



Year Two Autumn Term

September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term, we hope that you have all had a lovely summer! We are looking forward to the new term ahead; here are some reminders and information for you.

Children's Learning:

In **English** we will be covering a range of genres using Babcock teaching sequences to guide our planning. In **Maths** we will be following White Rose Maths.

Learning Challenge Curriculum (LCC): This term we will be looking at the questions 'Why would a dinosaur not make a good pet?' and 'What was it like when the Queen came to the throne in 1953?'

Please see the curriculum overviews for more details.

Phonics & Spellings: In class the children will receive daily phonics sessions and we will also be working on the Year 2 common exception words (CEW). We will be sending a list of these home so please find time to read and write these with your children over the half term. Each half term, the children will be tested on reading and writing the CEW so by us working together on these, they will hopefully improve their spelling as the year progresses. The children will not be having weekly spelling tests.

Spelling Frame is a great resource which includes all the words - both statutory and the example words - from the National Curriculum for Spelling for Year 2. This is an optional resource that you and your children can choose to access at home throughout the year which is fun and engaging and will support their spelling progress. Using the link below, your child will be able to access the **Free** online activities and games **not the ones that you have to subscribe to:**

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/spelling-rule/2/year-2> Spellingframe

Reading: The children will choose 2 reading books from their correct colour band each week that they will keep and enjoy for the whole week, they will then change their 2 books every Friday. In addition to this, the children will also have a weekly session in our school library and will be able to bring a library book home to share with you. Daily or regular

reading at home is extremely beneficial to your children and we cannot emphasise this enough. Please could you spend time listening to your child read and record any reading that you do together at home in their reading diaries every time you share a book. **Please can their reading books and diary be in school every day.** Their reading diaries will be checked every Friday, they will be stamped and children will be rewarded for reading regularly at home. If they read 4 or more times in a week they will receive a sticker on their reading book mark, once their book mark is full, they will be awarded a special reading certificate.

Uniform & P.E Kit: Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform and appropriate black school shoes. **Please can they come into school wearing their full PE kit, suitable for the weather that day, on the days below:**

Elm - Tuesday and Wednesday

Hazel- Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure all clothes are clearly named. It would be helpful if their school shoes and P.E shoes are easy for your child to put on, preferably Velcro or slip on. Please could all children have a waterproof coat in school every day as our weather is forever changeable!

Class special bag: Each Friday the class special bag will go home with a child from each Year 2 class. This is an opportunity for your child to think about something they would like to either bring in to show or something they would like to tell the following week.

Belongings: Please can we remind children no toys, games or any other unnecessary items in their bags please. All coats and jumpers need to be clearly named. Children will be asked to keep their bags and lunch boxes on their pegs.

Named water bottles: During school hours we will continue to remind children to drink plenty of water. We encourage all children to bring a named bottle containing **water** so they can easily access water throughout the day.

Snack time: We are provided with fruit for the children in Key Stage One for morning and afternoon break. If children chose to bring in their own snack please can these be a **healthy choice** and will need to be kept in bags until break times. During morning playtime, the children will also have the option to buy milk, toast or both for 10 pence per item. They will need to keep their money in a **named purse**.

Lunch options: As you can appreciate with free school dinners being available to all children in KS1, it can take a long time to decide what the children are having for their lunch option. Please read through the menu at home so the children have an idea of what they want and so you can check that they will like that option. The school lunch menu is

always available on the school website <https://st-michaels-pri.devon.sch.uk/parent-zone/school-dinners/>. Children will then be able to choose their own lunch each morning.

Sickness: We would like to remind you that if your child is off school due to sickness, they must not return to school for 48 hours.

If your child is showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 please do not send them into school and arrange a PCR test.

Medication: The school can only administer prescribed medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed form. Any other medication will need to be administered by parents/guardians.

Year 2 assemblies and school trips: We will be in touch in the future with any information regarding assemblies and trips.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks

Mrs Copping, Mrs Mackie & Mr Bramley