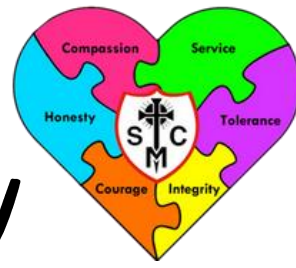


Year 2

Newsletter



Welcome Back!

We hope you've had a fantastic summer break and that the children are excited for the year ahead. We have an exciting term planned with lots of engaging learning opportunities. To learn more about what we'll be covering this term, please take a look at the Year 2 Learning Overview.

Miss Butt

Miss Wilson Mrs Waszkiewicz

Timetable

TUESDAYS – PE Day. Children to come to school in full PE kits.

WEDNESDAY – Spelling Test

THURSDAYS – PE Day. Children to come to school in full PE kits.

FRIDAYS – Reading books will be changed. Please ensure your child brings their book to school and puts it in the reading book box everyday.

Reading at Home

In Year 2, reading is a little different to how it was in Year 1. All children will be sent home with two colour banded books, a reading diary and a reading journal each week. These colour banded books are no longer solely phonetically decodable, please don't be alarmed if the colours don't match. We will assess the children and put them where we think they currently are on the scheme – this is subject to change.

Please read the banded book with your child every day or at least three times in the week to develop fluency and accuracy, discussing any unfamiliar words using the glossary at the back of books. Please also use the comprehension questions at the back to check your child's understanding of what they have read. If a child is fluent, it doesn't necessarily mean they have understood what they have read.

Please ensure you record any progress in your child's reading diary, whether this be how your child has read, what they needed help with or general comments.

Reading books will not be changed if they haven't been signed by a parent or carer.

Along with reading books, each week children will be sent home with a reading journal. Reading journals will have a book that can be accessed via QR code. **This will begin after half term, information to follow.**



Homework

Reading – Please make sure your child reads their book with you at least three times each week and record each read in their reading diary. Additional books may be available on their Collins account and the login details for this will be provided in their reading diary once the account is ready to use.

Spellings– A list of spellings will be given out each week and will also be put onto the Class Dojo Page. Please practice these with your child. These will be tested on Wednesdays.

Numbots – Numbots is an excellent tool for developing number fluency and improving rapid recall in Maths. Login details will be provided in your child's reading diary once the account is ready to use.



Upcoming Events

To be confirmed..

Nottingham City Walk

Year 2 children will be travelling by public transport into Nottingham City Centre. We will explore Nottingham's landmarks, linked to our Geography topic – human and physical features of Nottingham. We will have the opportunity to tour the Council House along with a private reading session at Waterstones.

Please check your emails with further details including payment information.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with classroom activities and special events. If you're available and interested in helping out, please let me know. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!



Morning Snacks

Please ensure your child has a water bottle each day which is clearly labelled. We do ask that only water is provided. This helps keep them energized and hydrated throughout their busy day.

In Year 2, fruit is provided free of charge and they will be offered a piece during morning break.

You are welcome to provide an extra snack of fruit for your child if needed. Children who have signed up at the office will receive biscuits. If your child is not on this list, please speak to a member of the office team. Milk is also available for purchase—please contact the office team if you need assistance setting this up.

Important Reminders

Please label all items of clothing and check these often to ensure the names haven't been washed out. It is very difficult to return missing items to children without a name in them.

At SMC, we expect children to be in full uniform/PE kit. Please ask a member of staff if you are unsure of the school's expectations.

If you feel your child may need a change of clothes, please ensure they are in their bag each day. We do recommend sending a spare plastic bag for any wet clothes to be returned home.

If your child has any medical needs, not already known to the school, please do come in to discuss these.

Our school day **begins at 8:40am** when the gates open and **ends at 3:15pm**. The children enter and leave school by the gate closest to Year 2.

Please be patient with us at collection as we familiarize ourselves with new faces.

