

Year 2 Overview Meeting 2020-2021

Welcome to Year 2! We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and are really enjoying having them back at school. The following is a resume of key points relevant to your child's learning and will hopefully answer any queries you might have.

- Staff**
- **Jupiter Class:** Miss Caswell (Class Teacher/Key Stage 1 Lead)
Mrs Verma (Teaching Assistant)
 - **Saturn Class:** Mrs Cowley (Class Teacher)
Mrs De Souza (Teaching Assistant)

- Reading**
- Book changes are every Monday and Thursday.
 - Please ensure that you read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and that you record this into their Home/School Book (please ensure your child brings this in every day).
 - Books can be read more than once.
 - As well as listening to your child read, please question them about the content to ensure their comprehension is secure. Other useful activities could be stopping halfway through the book and predicting what is going to happen or talking about the characters in the book, describing them and expressing opinions on them.

Spelling In Y2 our focus moves from phonics to spelling rules, eg looking at spelling patterns for words when you add - ing, er, ed, est

- Writing**
- The children are expected to write in St Dunstan's cursive script - *see below*.
 - The writing checklist shows the writing objectives we work on throughout Year 2.

St Dunstan's Handwriting

a b c d e
f g h i j k
l m n o p
q r s t u
v w x y z
A B C D E F G
H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z

My Writing Checklist

1. CL and FS!?
2. Spaces between words
3. Joining words using: when, if, that, because, or, and, but, so
4. Apostrophes used for missing letters (e.g. can't, couldn't)
5. Expanded noun phrases: my beautiful purse, the blue butterfly with colourful wings
6. Write statements, commands, exclamations and questions
7. Adverbs of time, e.g. first, next, second
8. Adverbs, e.g. slowly, quickly, cautiously
9. Joined handwriting and correct spellings

**Times
tables**

By the end of Y2, all children should be able to recall multiplication facts and their corresponding division facts for their 2x, 5x and 10x tables. When they have mastered these, we move them onto their 3s.

Maths lessons

- Maths lessons are based on the White Rose Scheme
- Maths tasks are split into three sections - fluency, reasoning and problem solving.
- Fluency tasks contain basic methods of calculation.
- Reasoning tasks are given to enable the children to explain their calculations and methods that they have used.
- Problem Solving tasks are given to enable the children to apply their learning.
- Mastery tasks are also used to give the children the opportunity to develop an understanding of a concept in greater depth.

- Homework**
- English and Maths homework will be set every Thursday and must be given in by the following Tuesday. Children should spend around 20 minutes on each activity. If you are finding homework becomes a struggle with your child please let us know.
 - Every other week Mathematics will be set - all children have a username and password which is in their Home/School book.
For help with maths log into LGfL (<https://www.lgfl.net/>)
 - Topic homework suggestions will be given out each half term. Children are expected to complete and hand in one topic homework project by the end of each half term.

Topics

We will have a different topic focus each half term, around which most of the children's learning will be based:

Autumn 1	Wriggle and Crawl
Autumn 2	Land Ahoy!
Spring 1	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets
Spring 2	Street Detectives
Summer 1	The Scented Garden
Summer 2	Beachcombers

- Behaviour** We will continue to use the Behaviour and Learning Ladders along with the Christian Values Tree to promote and celebrate positive learning attitudes and behaviours.
- Communication** You are able to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address:
Saturn Class: saturn@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk
Jupiter Class: jupiter@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk
If your message is urgent, please phone the school office.
- Trips/
Events** Given the COVID-19 pandemic, we are currently unable to give any details regarding when, or indeed if, trips and events will go ahead.
- General**
- If your child is being collected by someone other than their parent/carer, please write this in the Home/School Book.
 - Please remind children to bring any notes written in the Home/School Book to the teacher's attention. TAs do not go through children's books or book bags to check for notes in Y2.
 - Please ensure that full PE kits are in school every day. Our PE days are on a Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Please remove earrings on PE days.
 - Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
 - Please send in a named water bottle to school every day.
 - Every child will be given a piece of fruit at break time as a snack.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

By working together we hope your child has a happy and successful journey through Year 2.