



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

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Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer and had a relaxing break. We've got a busy year ahead of us as usual.

Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Browne and the class will also benefit from the regular support of Mrs Ventress and Miss Kiersek each morning. Mrs Ventress will support the class during writing, reading and spelling activities while Miss Kiersek will help during Maths sessions. Details of the curriculum we will cover this half-term are attached to this letter and are also available on our website.

No formal written homework will be set this half-term. The expectation is that the children will read at home on a daily basis and this should be recorded in their reading record book. Please don't feel obliged to write a comment (although this is always helpful) but an adult's signature or initials is required beside the date/day. I will read each week with your child during guided reading sessions and will write the focus of each session in the reading record book. You will know that as your child becomes a more fluent reader, comprehension becomes a major focus of reading. To help you at home, I have put some suggestions for questions you could ask your children whilst you are reading together on the inside front cover of their reading record. It is also always helpful for you to read to your child, especially more difficult texts.

To help your child at home, asking snappy addition and subtraction calculations that your child does 'in their heads' is also invaluable. Ensuring that your child knows their number bonds within and to 10 is a great place to start. You could then move on to doubling numbers up to ten and numbers bonds within 20.

The Year 2 curriculum means that the expectations for the SATs in May are challenging. To keep you fully informed, I have attached copies of the assessment framework for this year and also the common exception spelling words for both Year 1 and Year 2. We will work on these and the Year 2 spelling rules during our daily spelling lessons.

Our PE days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tuesday's PE lesson will be jointly taught by an outside coach and me, and will focus on the fundamental skills. Please keep **full, named** PE kits in school each day though, in case we take other opportunities to be active. Please check regularly that pumps still fit - it's hard to run around with cramped toes!

I am looking forward to a busy and productive year. If you want to know anything else, or have any queries, please do let me know.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Browne and the Year 2 Team.

