



# Telford Infant School

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Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your children have had a wonderful summer break, despite the covid restrictions, and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year Two. Our theme for this half term is 'Art Attack'. The children will enjoy using the texts 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Day the Crayons came Home' by Drew Daywalt, as stimulus for their learning.

## Welcome Evening

Sadly, our Welcome Evening cannot run in the same way as it usually does this year. In order to provide you with information about the routines and expectations in Year Two we have made a video presentation which will be available on Tapestry from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please spend some time watching this video. If you have any questions related to what is shared in the presentation then please do get in touch via the school email address.

## Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry to share reading sessions that your child takes part in at school and will also be uploading resources and documents that you can use at home to support the phonics and spelling learning every week. Tapestry can also be used by you to upload any home learning activities that you complete with your child.

## Home Learning

In Year One you may remember that the children had optional "take away" home learning, in Year Two we use the same "take away" format, the only difference is that we now expect all the children to complete 3 pieces of home learning from the menu over the half term. This helps them to expand their topic knowledge outside of the classroom and provides you with a chance to share in their learning. Getting into a routine with Home Learning in this way also gently prepares the children for the more formal approach to Homework that they will encounter as they move through their education. As mentioned above this will be uploaded onto Tapestry. Please upload the homework your child has completed by the following dates:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

## Reading

Over the next two weeks we will be spending time listening to all of the children read individually. This will allow us to provide your child with an appropriate reading book for sharing with you at home. Once your child has a school reading book we ask that you send it to school every day in your child's book bag. We recommend that you try to hear your child read every day – little and often really is the best approach to supporting your child with their reading. There is a 'reading books to be changed box' in each Year Two classroom where your child should place their book on a Monday, if it needs changing. On Mondays children will be allocated two books covering a range of genres including fiction, non-fiction and poetry and on Fridays children will select a book from our 'Reading Corner' to read for pleasure over the weekend. Once a week the children will read with an adult as part of a guided reading group or participate in a whole class read. They may also read with an adult individually on top of or instead of their guided reading session. This year we will use Tapestry to communicate information related to your child's reading rather than using a reading diary. Tapestry is designed to be used as a

two way communication tool, so please do add comments onto your child's Tapestry account to let us know how they are getting on when they read with you at home too.

All children have home access to Phonics Bug and can continue to use the login and password given to them in Year One.

### Special days

We always try to celebrate special days and events in school to ensure the children learn about a broad range of topics. This half term we will be celebrating Harvest Festival as well as National Poetry Day.

### Outdoor classroom

Please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school throughout the autumn and winter months, both for playtimes, and to enable us to learn outside if appropriate.

### PE

In Year Two during the Autumn Term PE is normally on Wednesday afternoons. However, please make sure that your child has a named PE kit (including jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers) in school every day as PE days can sometimes change.

### Water and fruit

Please send your child to school with a named and filled water bottle every day. If you would like your child to have a mid morning snack then please send your child with a piece of fruit in their book bag. We ask that the fruit is not strawberries, kiwi or pineapple due to allergies.

### Birthdays

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them which we do in class and as part of our celebration assembly. As in Year One, your child is invited to donate a book to the classroom library to share with their friends. As a healthy school and due to allergy and dietary requirements of the children, we no longer give out birthday sweets.

We are really looking forward a super year of fun and learning in Year Two. If you have any questions throughout the year then please just ask.

Kind Regards

Year Two Team

