



# Telford Infant School

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a wonderful summer break and we would like to welcome you to Year 2. Our theme for this half term is 'Art Attack'. The children will enjoy our learning visit to the Herbert Art Gallery and will attend two amazing workshops: printing and sculpting.

## Welcome Evening

An important date for your diary is our Welcome Evening which will give you the opportunity to find out about the routines and expectations in Year 2 and ask any questions you may have. You will also be able to look around your child's classroom. This will be on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm-7.00pm and we look forward to seeing you there. Please note that this meeting is for parents and carers and unfortunately we cannot accommodate the children at this meeting.

## Home Learning

In year 1 you may remember that the children had optional take away home learning based on their current topic. In Year 2 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.

By providing dates in advance we aim to help the children and yourselves manage the time. Children will be expected to complete 1 task every two weeks (3 in total over the half term) – handing in their home learning books on or before the following dates:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Teachers will mark the home learning the Monday after the deadlines given and will return the Home Learning book to your child.

## Education City

In year 2 the children have a user name and login to use Education City at home. Education City is a great learning tool and can help your child revise taught skills and learn new ones. The play live button is also a great way to encourage your child to compete against other children in a safe environment. Logins will be sent home over the next week.

## Reading

Your child will be given a new year 2 reading diary which contains useful information about reading. Reading regularly is very beneficial in helping the children to make progress and so we advise that you read with your child daily, even if it is just for 5 or 10 minutes. Please remind your child to change their book two or three times a week (we will also regularly remind them). Please ensure that your child has their reading diary and book in school every day. All children have home access to Phonics Bug using the log in details sent home at the end of Year One.

## Outdoor classroom

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

## PE

Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit (including jogging bottoms, jumper, pumps or trainers) in school every day as PE days can often change.

## Playtimes/Water/Toilets

In year 2 the children always have a morning playtime and lunchtime break. However, the afternoon playtime is taken at the discretion of the class teacher. Many afternoons, the children are actively learning through PE, art or outdoor learning and therefore, do not need an active break.

The children are encouraged to drink and refill their water bottles and visit the toilet at appropriate times of the day. However, please be assured that they are never refused these but may be asked to wait 5 minutes if the class teacher is currently explaining something to the whole class that all children need to hear.

## 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 1, 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 looking forward a super year of learning in Year 2. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher and we look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Meeting.

Kind Regards

Year 2 Team



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