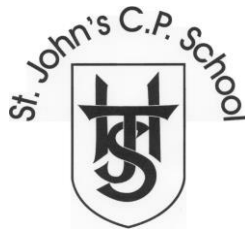


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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we will be holding an Open Classroom event on Monday 24th September from 3.15-4pm. You are welcome to come into school with your child to meet myself and see the classroom. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions and look at books etc. To support this we have attached an overview of some key information that we hope you will find useful.

Curriculum overview and main expectations

The topic headings for Year 2 this year are:

| Term | Topic |
|---------------|---|
| Autumn | Wild Things (with the Brazilian rainforest as the main focus) |
| Spring | The Great Fire of London |
| Summer | All at Sea |

This year we have introduced some new topics to the Year 2 curriculum. A more detailed overview will be available on the Year 2 page of the school's website at the start of each term. In addition, the Year 2 Maths and English objectives have been attached to this letter as well as being available on the Year 2 page.

PE and kit required

Year 2 have their PE sessions on a Monday (with Mrs van Kampen) and Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit, labelled, so lost things can easily be found!

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and should be handed in the following Thursday. Homework consists of:

- Ideally children should read or be read to 4 times a week. However, we expect this to be achieved at least 3 times a week with comments recorded in the children's reading records.
- Children must learn the spellings set ready to be tested the following week.
- Children must complete a short maths activity

Behaviour and attitudes to learning

Children at St John's are used to discussing their rights and responsibilities within the school community and are aware of the school's ethos and values that underpin this. In addition, regular discussions about characteristics of effective learning in class and whole school assemblies encourage the children to regularly reflect on themselves as learners. Staff will look for good behaviours and attitudes to learning and praise, reward and encourage rather than focusing on negative behaviours and negative language. To encourage this at school:

- Children may receive credits for good behaviour and these are put towards a House trophy awarded every week in assembly.
- Children will be rewarded with a Gold Book certificate during the year from their class teacher
- A traffic light system for behaviour will be used in each class with children starting on green at the beginning of each new session.
- In Year 2 we have a growth mindset train where the children can earn rewards for demonstrating growth mindset behaviours

School trips

There will be a school trip each term related to the topic we are covering plus a one night residential. Our provisional trips are a Norfolk Wildlife Trust activities day, The Great Fire of London at Strangers Hall and a team building Pirate Day at Aylmerton Field Study Centre. Our residential is taking place at the beginning of May at Kingswood in West Runton. When details have been finalised, you will be given a letter explaining the cost and arrangements for the day. We will be holding an information meeting for our residential trip before the October half term.

Forest Schools

Year 2 will be enjoying a Forest School session with Miss Howes on alternate Thursday afternoons. Please ensure they have a suitable change of clothes, waterproofs and a pair of wellies.

Our session dates are:

27.9.18
11.10.18
8.11.18
22.11.18
6.12.18

Website

Please regularly check the Year 2 page on the school's website for information and to see what we have been up to. Homework and spellings will also be posted weekly and a gallery of photos will also be uploaded when permission has been granted by parents.

Spellings

Spellings will be issued weekly on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

This year we will be following a new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum for RSE. More information on this curriculum and an updated policy will be made available to you shortly. Information sessions will be available for anyone that wishes to discuss this in more detail please look out for information via the schools newsletter.

In Year 2 we welcome help in the classroom, on a regular or ad hoc basis. If you are able to help, then please come and see us at the end of the school day.

Many thanks,

The Year 2 Team