# Welcome to Year 2 Information Letter

Welcome to Year 2. We look forward to working with you and your child from September and make it a year to remember!

The Year 2 teacher is:



The children enter school via the school gates and will be welcomed by the teacher between 8.30 - 8.35 am on the playground. The school day ends at 3.10 pm. We will see our class out from our classroom doors on the playground.

#### PE

In Year 2, we have 2 PE sessions per week. The PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday is our indoor session and the children will need shorts and a t-shirt. The second session, Thursday, is outdoors, the children will need shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers/plimsolls. The school PE kit is black shorts with a red or white t-shirt. This is compulsory and any children not wearing the correct PE kit will be asked to change. Long hair must be tied up for PE and no earrings are allowed.

#### **Topic**

Our first topic in Year 2 is 'Lost in London'. We will be learning about different landmarks in London and will be welcoming a special guest who will help us explore the wonderful city of London. We also learn important DT skills as we design and make our own London landmarks on 'Big Box Day'.



Over the Summer holiday, start to think about what fascinating facts you can find out about our amazing capital, London. How about draw a picture ready for September of a Landmark in London!

#### School Trips

We will be visiting Boydell's Farm in May 2024 and we will also enjoy a day at Canvey beach in June 2024. We also welcome a range of visitors linked to our topics throughout the year.

## Online Learning Platforms

Each child will have their login for <u>Spelling Shed, Purple Mash, Numbots</u>. We use these programmes in school and the children are also able to access these at home. This supports them with their weekly spellings, number bonds and development (key curriculum skills.)

#### Homework

In Year 2 we encourage every child to read at least 3x a week at home. We reward their commitment to this reading challenge by awarding dojos.

Every child is given 10 weekly spellings to learn. We learn the spelling pattern in school but we also encourage children to practise their weekly spellings at home. This can be done on Spelling Shed. Weekly spellings are given out on a Friday and a spelling test is completed the following Friday.

## Wellbeing

In Year 2 we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We have daily relaxation sessions after lunch and also weekly circle times where we are able to discuss and manage issues and worries that have arisen during the week. We also cover the importance of friendships, being respectful and good manners.

### **Growth Mindset**

In Year 2 we encourage the children to have a growth mindset and this is modelled to the children in every lesson by the adults. It is important for the children to be resilient and understand that we learn by our mistakes.



