



## Housekeeping Letter for Year 2 Terms 3 & 4 2018

Welcome back, Year 2! We've got an exciting term ahead filled with more engaging and enriching activities! If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak with me, make an appointment or email: [office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk). Emails should be marked for my attention and Mrs Turner will forward them to me.

- Miss Rainsbury

### Important Dates

Please check the schools weekly newsletter for any changes or new dates.

**Infant Sharing** - 11<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> March  
**Whole School sharing** - 15<sup>th</sup> February (ECO), 8<sup>th</sup> March (Book Day)

**Year 2 Class Assembly** - 1<sup>st</sup> February  
**Fort Amherst Year 2 Trip** - 5<sup>th</sup> February  
**Ash Wednesday Mass** - 6<sup>th</sup> March



### Show and Tell

There will be the opportunity for your child to share items relevant to our topic, personal achievements or recent experiences outside of school on a Monday afternoon. The rotation is as follows:

<b>St Andrew</b>	07.01.19	04.02.19	11.03.19
<b>St David</b>	14.01.19	11.02.19	18.03.19
<b>St George</b>	21.01.19	25.02.19	25.03.19
<b>St Patrick</b>	28.01.19	04.03.19	01.04.19

### Rainy Days

Due to our very changeable weather, the children sometimes have "Rainy Day Play". We ask that you provide your child with a colouring book, which will remain in school, for use during rainy playtimes.

### Water Bottles



Please ensure that you provide your child with a named water bottle filled with water only for everyday at school. We fill up empty water bottles during the day.

### WoW

As part of the KM initiative, we ask that children use a form of green travel to school on a Wednesday such as walking, bike or bus which is recorded in class.

### VLE

Additional resources and work linked to topics are on the Virtual Learning Environment (link on our school website).

Year: 2

Username: y2

Password: school

### Reading Books

On a Monday and Thursday, your child will receive a new reading book providing their last book has been signed off in their contact book. There are activities in the front and back of the books to aid your child's reading experience and to push them forward with their comprehension skills.

### Buster's Book Club

Each Wednesday evening the children are challenged to read and/or be read to for a target time. The time should be recorded on the book mark in the contact book every Wednesday and are collected by a monitor on Thursday. The winning class is announced each week!



### Homework & Spellings

Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned to school the following Tuesday. New spellings will be in your child's contact book on a Friday for a test the following Friday. These will cover the Year 2 statutory requirement words as well as common exception words. A copy of your child's results will be put in their contact book.

## Mathematics

We will begin our Maths learning by securing our fluency of counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 both forward and backward and developing our mastery skills by using this knowledge to solve a variety of problems. We will then be using this to build a deep understanding of multiplication and division. To help your child with this, practise recalling the 2, 5 and 10 times tables so that they have the best fluency that they can.

During term 4, we will revisit addition and subtraction. We will continue to practise our fluency of mental calculations and move on to develop our reasoning and mastery skills. To do this, we will be applying our calculation skills to word problems and investigations. A maths word problem a day at home will really enhance your child's reasoning skills.

### Introducing Motty!

As part of our continued enthusiasm and commitment to encourage our children to love Maths one child in each class will be chosen to bring home our new maths mascot - Motty.

Motty will be awarded to the child who has taken an active role in their maths learning during the week. This may be in the form of: making an outstanding effort to learn their times tables, taking an active role in maths lessons or completing homework to a high standard. Each child will get a chance to take Motty home either within this academic year or next year (we are limited by the number of weeks left for each child to take him home this year!) Motty will bring with him a home diary where the children may record any maths they take part in during the time he spends with them. Please return Motty the following Wednesday, along with his book ready for a new child to take Motty home.



### Mathletics

Your child has received log in details for an account with Mathletics at the front of their contact book. This is a computer based membership which will help your child reinforce mathematics learning in a fun and visual way.

<http://uk.mathletics.com/>

## Literacy

This term we will focus our activities around traditional tales. Children will be retelling traditional tales in their own words then use their imagination to create alternative endings. They will be focusing their writing on descriptions; using a variety of suffixes, similes and new vocabulary to enhance their narrative.

In term 4 we will be focusing on non-fiction writing such as newspaper articles and information texts. To help your child with this topic, please familiarise them with different presentations of information such as leaflets, posters, newspapers and online articles.

### Topic Term 3

Our topic this term is "Towers, Tunnels and Turrets" with the subject focus of History, as well as covering areas in Science, Geography and Design & Technology.

We will begin by exploring features of castles and using this to design and build our own castles with working drawbridges. We will then explore animals who build tunnels in their habitat and visit our own local tunnels at Fort Amherst.



### Topic Term 4

Our second topic is "Street Detectives" with the subject focus of Geography, as well as covering areas in History, Science and Art.

We will explore our local area by seeing what physical and human features we spot. We will also be looking at local artists, local wildlife and local weather patterns and compare these to other countries.



## P.E.

Year 2 have their P.E. lessons on a Tuesday and a Wednesday of every week. Please ensure that your child has a labelled P.E. kit on these days. **Earrings are not worn to school on these days.** Winter P.E. kits are navy tracksuit trousers and a hoodie or sweatshirt. **Both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits must be brought in.**

## Religious Education

Come and See topics for terms 3 and 4:

- Books
- Thanksgiving
- Opportunities

