

## Welcome to Lower Key Stage 2

### Information for parents of children in Years 3 and 4 for the Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fabulous Summer holiday! The lower KS2 team are very excited about the term ahead and all the fabulous learning we have planned. There have been changes in staffing within the lower KS2 team for this academic year, so here is a reminder:

#### Staff

Year 3 - Mrs Plummer, Mr Price, Mrs Mingay (TA)

Year 4 - Mr Greenway and Mrs Burke (TA)

#### School day timings

The school opens at 8.50am and registers are completed by 9am. Please ensure that children are on time as early morning activities are organised to settle children into the day and are part of the curriculum.

Morning Break 10.30am - 10.45am

Lunchtime 12.00pm - 1.00pm

The school day ends at 3.20pm



Your child(ren) should enter school through the doors in the corridors opposite their classrooms. A Teaching Assistant (TA) will open the doors first thing in the morning and the children should walk into their cloakroom and hang items on their pegs by themselves. If you wish to pass on an **urgent** message to the class teacher, please give it to the TA on the door first thing in the morning. If you would like to meet with the class teacher, please contact the school office, who will organise an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

**To avoid a surge in lost property, PLEASE ensure that your child's coat, uniform and PE kit is all named.**

At home time the children will leave the school at 3.20pm through the same doors as they enter in the morning, escorted by their class teacher.

#### Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book and reading record this week. Please ensure that your child reads and discusses their book at least 5 times a week. It would be appreciated if you could log it in their reading records. We know how important reading is; studies have shown that daily reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.



#### Reading Café

We have so many lovely books in school and not enough time to share them all. Our reading cafes aim to provide a welcoming and informal place to come and share reading with your child.

They are an opportunity for you to visit our school library and class reading areas, to share books with your children. They could read to you or vice versa. You might find a book that you would like to borrow to read at home.

There will also be some fun craft activities and reading challenges for you to enjoy together.

It's a free café; we will provide drinks, refreshments.....AND BOOKS!!!

Younger/older brothers and sisters are also welcome.

Dates for this term: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Homework**

Your child will receive a list of spellings to learn at home and at school weekly. Please help your child to learn their spellings at home ready for their spelling tests on a Monday morning.

Children will continue to be allocated maths tasks on Abacus linked to their learning - this will help them to practice their mental arithmetic. Abacus web address - [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Please see your child's reading diary for their log in.

In addition to this, the children will be given Homework Challenges, which are a series of activities relating to the topic the children are covering in school each term. The challenges aim to be something fun for you to do alongside the children, to help them to develop their knowledge further.

### **P.E.**

This term Sporting Influence will deliver high quality PE sessions on a Thursday to the children in KS2, in addition to another PE session during the week.

Year 3 PE days - Thursday and Friday.

Year 4 PE days - Thursday and Friday.

As the weather becomes colder, children will need warm outdoor clothing (eg an old tracksuit and trainers). In very bad weather children will not go outside.

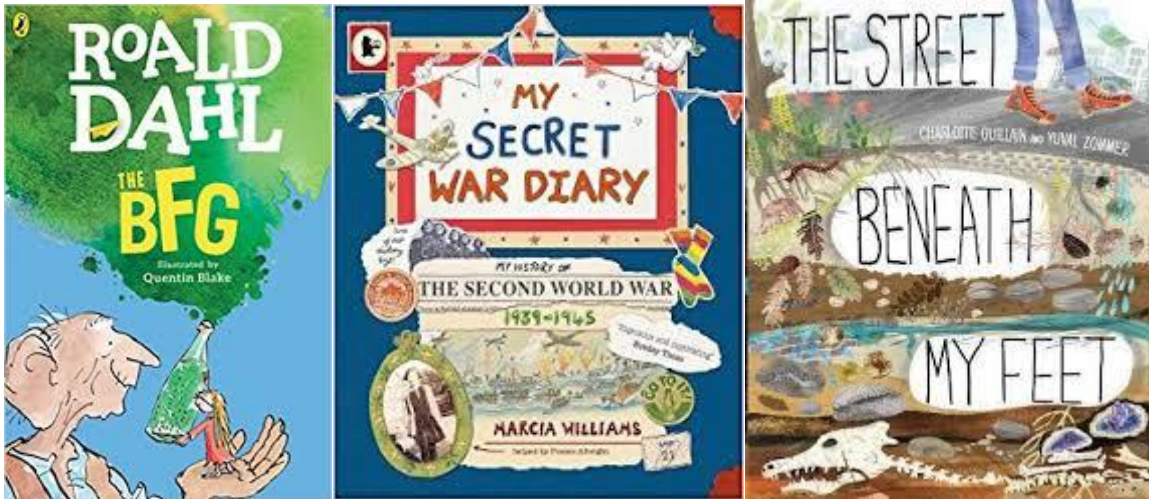


Year 4 will have Forest Schools every Friday until half term. Please remember to send your child with clothing for every weather eventuality - waterproofs, layers and wellies. We will be outside in all weather.

### **Our Topic**

The theme of this term's topic is 'Does it matter where we come from?' This is a Geography and History focused theme, where the children will be finding out about the UK, Europe and World War 2. During this topic the children will be locating countries and cities of the world, with a focus on the countries involved in WW2. They will be looking at their local area and drawing maps to show the land use and how it has changed over time, this will include using keys and map symbols. We will be learning about life during WW2, with empathy for children during that era, as well as the conflict throughout Europe.

The children will be studying a range of texts:



Our topic web is on the school website and includes all the information about the National Curriculum coverage of each subject and the activities that we will cover.



### **Administration of medicines**

If your child requires medication at school you must complete an administration of medication form which is available in the office. We can only administer prescribed medication and it must be supplied in a named container with instructions. If your child has an inhaler, it must be named and in school at all times.

### **Absence from school**

If your child is unable to attend school please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent. If your child is going to be absent from school for any length of time, their teacher will make arrangements to send work home.

### **Marvellous Me**

We love to send messages home to keep you updated about the great things your child does in school. Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and don't forget to 'High 5' us. The children really like to see that parents have received their Marvellous Me, so that you can celebrate their achievements together. If you are struggling to access the app, please contact the school office so that we can provide you with any support that you require.

We hope you find this information useful. If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know. If you feel that you would like to share your skills with us linked to our topics, we would be delighted to hear your ideas.

Thank you very much for your continued support.  
The Year 3 and 4 Team