



## Autumn Days

WELCOME TO YEAR 2! Year 2 is an exciting time for your child. It is an important year where your child will be expected to use their independence and thinking skills to progress towards Key Stage 2. The work is harder, but should be nothing to worry about provided that your child has the right attitude to learning – ie: trying your best; trying new things and **knowing** that getting things wrong is all part of the learning. Mistakes will be made, but it's how we move forward that really counts. Year 2 is fun place to learn and we look forward to a great year!



This term in year 2, our curriculum will be based around the theme of autumn. The season of autumn provides us with a range of rich opportunities in English, maths, science and art.

In science, we will be making use of the outside area and pond to learn about animals and their habitats, investigating why animals live where they live; classifying what we find and learning about life-cycles and living processes. We are also trying to arrange a trip out of school to investigate a different local habitat.



The autumn also presents the opportunity to study the Gunpowder Plot; create autumnal artwork, music and dance, and in DT, we will be investigating and making moving vehicles.

As you may know, there are no longer set homework tasks. We will instead insist that **reading, spellings and timetables are practised at home**. Your child will be sent home with a reading book, diary and spellings during the week. **By the end of year 2**, it is expected that your child will know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11x tables up to 12x11. This is measured by a 25 question test in 5 minutes.

PE will take place on a **Tuesday and Wednesday for 2X** and **Tuesday and Thursday for 2Y**, however, we recommend that your child brings a PE kit into school and leaves it here for the half term as the days are very likely to swap from time-to-time. Please check that footwear (pumps/trainers) fits comfortably. We would also suggest warm clothing for outdoor PE e.g. tracksuit/leggings and a warm top.

Year 2 will continue Forest Schools sessions, however it will be called '**Woodland Work**' because we no longer receive the branded Forest Schools sessions from Shropshire Council. The sessions will remain mostly the same with only minor differences. 2X and 2Y will take turns each half-term, and letters will be sent out with more detail in due course.



As you may know, Mr Larkham is taking on the role of Acting Deputy Head Teacher for the autumn term (at least until half-term) while Mrs Brazier is absent. This means that 2Y will be taught by Mrs Butler on Fridays until Mrs Brazier returns. After that, Mr Larkham will be in-class on Fridays as normal. We apologise for any confusion this may cause, and we thank you for your understanding.

Finally, please don't hesitate to come and chat to us about anything you are concerned about, or arrange a meeting via the office.

**DON'T FORGET! You can come to meet either of us in your child's classroom for a chat on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September where the classrooms will be open from 3:30 to 5:00pm.**

Mr Larkham and Mrs Young