



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to Year 2! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

### **Staff in Year 3**

Mr Kenny is the class teacher.

The children have Mrs Hopkin on a Monday afternoon and Mr Radford for PE on a Tuesday afternoon.

### **Topic**

In Geography, we will begin with the big question: *What makes the United Kingdom special?* This topic will help children understand where in the world we are and give them the chance to explore the four countries that make up the UK. They will learn about the key features of each country, including famous landmarks, capital cities, and natural environments. We will also compare life in the United Kingdom with life in other countries, thinking carefully about what is the same and what is different.

After half term, our focus will move to History, where we will explore the question: *What makes someone famous?* The children will learn about a range of significant individuals from both the past and present. We will investigate why they are remembered, what they achieved, and how their actions shaped the world around them. This topic helps children to develop a sense of chronology and an understanding of how people's contributions can have lasting impact.

In Science, our learning will be divided into two parts. During the first half term, we will be learning about animals, including humans. The children will find out what all living things need to survive, why exercise is so important, and how a balanced diet helps us to stay strong and healthy. After half term, we will turn our attention to materials. The children will explore the properties of everyday materials, investigate pollution and recycling, and think carefully about how the materials around us are made and used.



### **Things to Remember**

Wherever possible, please can children bring one bag to school, preferably the green Sutton Bonington book bags. We have limited space within the class for rucksacks. The children need to bring their reading diary and reading practice book with them each day, a named water bottle and a healthy snack for break if you feel they need one.

## **PE Days**

PE days for this term are Tuesday with Mr Radford and Friday with Mr Kenny. Children will need to come to school already wearing their PE kit on this day and will remain in their kit until home time.

## **Reading Books**

Children will be bringing home a reading practice book linked to our phonics scheme and a reading record. Please record in their diary each time they have read the reading practice book (we suggest a minimum of three times a week) by noting the date, title and a brief comment. They will be changed once a week, usually on a Monday.

Children will also bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book that they have chosen from the library. These will be changed every Thursday, so this only needs to be brought to school on this day.

## **Homework**

Please see the grid that accompanies this newsletter regarding homework this half term.

## **Values**

This term we will be focusing on showing RESPECT in the first half term and on demonstrating KINDNESS in the second half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.



Best wishes

Mr Kenny