

Dear Parents/Carers,

# Welcome to Year 2!



I hope that you and your family had a great summer. All the children have settled in and made a positive start to Year 2. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and help them succeed and progress throughout the year.

We will be working on a number of subjects and topics this year. To keep up to date with what we are doing in class please visit our class page on the school website. [www.st-margaretclitherow.nottingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-margaretclitherow.nottingham.sch.uk)

## Reading

Your child will get a colour banded reading book. These books need to be looked after. They will have a reading diary in which they can record their progress. Please encourage your child to read their reading book every night at home and fill in their reading diary to tell us your thoughts on their reading. Reading books can be changed throughout the week. Your child will need to put their books in the box in the classroom and show evidence in their diary that they have read. These books can be changed any day of the week. We will try our best to get them back out the same day.

## Homework

Your child will have a homework folder to keep all their homework in. I ask that these are looked after and that 'best presentation skills' are applied to all pieces of homework. The following homework tasks will be set each week:

**Reading** – Each week your child will have a reading comprehension task to complete. These might be a short text or picture with questions to answer. Please try and answer these in full sentences.

**Spellings** – These will focus on the spellings that we are learning in class. There will be a task to complete to help learn the spellings and understand the meaning of words. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday.

**Other** – There will be 1 other piece of homework. This will be based on Maths, English, RE or Topic. This work will always be something that we have been learning about in class.

Homework is planned carefully so that it consolidates learning from the classroom. The children should be able to complete these tasks independently and I encourage you to let them have a go.

All homework will be given out on a **Thursday** and will need to be completed and returned for the following **Tuesday**.

If your child for any reason cannot complete their homework, please send a note in or come and see me.

## PE Kit

PE will be every Tuesday morning and will be taught by Mr Tinsley. A full PE kit needs to be in school every week and will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and returned. For outside PE, a pair of comfortable trainers or plimsolls will be needed. During the winter months, I recommend some jogging bottoms or a tracksuit to be worn when we are being taught outside.

## Snacks

We will continue to have fruit and milk in the morning and biscuits in the afternoon. If you would like your child to have biscuits please go and see the office staff. All children are encouraged to bring a fillable water bottle.

## Dates for your diary

17 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Secret Garden performance.(letter to follow)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Individual photos	8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents Evening .(letter to follow)
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Non uniform	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct – End of term
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct – Movie Night.(letter to follow)	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Return to school

Finally, if you have any queries or worries about your child then please get in touch with me at any time. If you write a note and send it in, or leave a message with the office, I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,

Miss O'Neill