



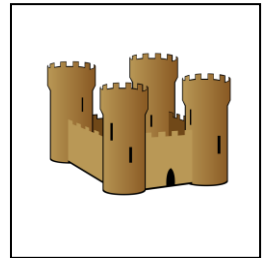
Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Year 2 Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and that your children are beginning to settle again to the routines of school life. Your teachers are Mrs Ringham and Mrs Stevenson (2 Ash) and Mr Slack (2 Maple).

Creative Curriculum

Our Topic this term is Castles. This will be taught through the Core subjects, English and maths, as well as other curriculum areas such as History, Geography, Art and PE. Please take the time to read the topic map attached carefully as it contains details of the new and exciting areas of the curriculum your child will be studying this term.



Class Trip

We have booked our first trip of the year – we will be visiting Leeds Castle to support our work on castles on **Monday 7th October**. More information to follow in a letter with costs and timings. We appreciate that many parents like to help on trips, but our policy is to approach parents directly once we have confirmed the number of teachers and LSAs accompanying us. Thank you for your understanding.

Reading

We value your support with your child's learning and ask that you make time each day to listen to your child read. Please ensure that your child brings their reading books and records to school every day. We aim to change reading scheme books once a week (up to 3 books) so please sign the yellow reading record book, write a comment with each book read. They will bring their books home every day so there is plenty of opportunity for them to read with you. We would encourage you to read a range of books outside the scheme with your child to help further develop their skills. Reading passports also provide further ideas should you need any.

We will also be asking for parent reading volunteers to support the children in school by listening to them read. **If you can spare an hour in the afternoon to listen to children read, please contact your child's teacher.**



Library

2 Maple have library time on **Wednesdays** and 2 Ash have library time on **Thursdays**. Please make sure children have their book with them on the correct day, so that they can be changed or renewed.

Home Learning

All Home Learning will be shared via the MyUso page. It will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday. Home Learning will usually take the form of an English and/or Maths activity, alongside a more Topic based piece of work. Please speak to us if you need a reminder of your child's log in details.

P.E. Reminder

Please make sure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school every day. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed or covered with microporous tape (which we provide) as part of the health and safety policy. We would be grateful if you could provide your child with a green tracksuit for our outdoor games sessions. We can't have games sessions if it rains, but if it is cold we can go outside for a while if the children are dressed appropriately.

Art

If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if you could provide your child with a named painting apron. An old shirt will do – anything to protect their uniform.

Ties and Laces

We would like your child to learn to tie their ties and shoelaces by Christmas. Quite a few children are already able to do this and it does help them to change for P.E. quickly, making them feel more independent and grown up. The children look very smart in their shirts and ties – please ensure that their tie is as described on the school uniform list, i.e. not elasticated or fastened with Velcro.

CAN WE PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL PARTS OF THE CHILDREN'S UNIFORM NEED TO BE LABELLED!

Thank you for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ringham, Mrs. Stevenson and Mr Slack