



# Love To Learn, The Malcolm Sargent Way

13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer of Y2 Children

## WELCOME TO YEAR TWO

Welcome to everyone returning to us and to a few new faces too! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and I am delighted to be welcoming you as Year Leader. This year I am teaching Class 10/Y2G, Mrs Nottingham is teaching Class 9/Y2N, and Mrs Simpson is teaching Class 8/Y2S.

### Curriculum

The team has been busy over the holiday preparing our curriculum themes for the coming term. These themes will support the learning and good practice which is already taking place. This term's theme is '*Superheroes*.' Our Superhero dress up day will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

At the start of each term you will receive a curriculum offer which will not only let you know the topic for the term but also advises any events or visits that may be taking place.

As the National Curriculum has undergone various changes, we will continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum in which the key skills taught underpin and are applied throughout all subjects. All classes from Years 1-6 will continue to have two exercise books:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – the application of maths throughout all of these subjects will allow children to use and apply their skills in a more relevant context.
- Learning Journal – All other written work will be done in this book, showing the journey from learning key skills such as SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) to their application in all other subjects such as history and geography.

It is our aim this year is to incorporate important calendar events, such as STEM fortnight within our termly planning in order to make learning relevant and current. For this reason, our terms will consist of a variety of themes per term.

### Home School Diary

Your child has been given a Malcolm Sargent home school diary for this academic year. The diary is an important tool to convey messages to and from home and school. This diary will come home every evening and is to be returned to school the following morning. It also now has lots of important school information, along with pages for website log-ins such as MyMaths. The diary also explains our homework expectations for each year group.

Please use this diary to communicate with your class teacher. If you have written a message, your child should put their diary on the teacher's desk at registration, to bring their attention to your message. You may wish to use the diary to:

- inform the teacher about an appointment (doctor/dentist);
- arrange an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher;
- communicate any queries about homework;
- see what homework your child has;
- record reading you have done with your child.
- let us know of any special achievements there have been out of school for your child.

Please sign the parent comment box by Thursday evening to indicate you have seen your child's diary that week. Teachers will look at the diaries in school on Fridays; it is important that they are brought in every day.

The teacher will use the diary to:

- inform you of tasks to be completed at home;
- send reminders of forthcoming events;
- tell you about your child's positive behaviour through communication or stickers;
- inform you if your child has received minor first aid in school.

Please encourage your child to be responsible for the use and care of their diary. If your child loses their diary, replacement diaries can be bought from the office.

### **Homework**

This year children will be set MyMaths homework on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Your child will also be expected to read as often as possible at home and practise their 10 spellings for the next week's test which will take place every Friday.

### **PE and Games**

It is important that children have their PE kit in school all week as lessons may change during the week if it is raining. **All** jewellery must be removed and hair tied back with a hair bobble. Hard headbands are not permitted for safety reasons. **Please ensure all items are named.**

Children may continue to have PE in winter weather so please make sure that they have appropriate clothing. It may be useful to have spare socks and a plastic bag in PE bags in case items of clothing become wet during lessons!

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our first event of the year, our Welcome to Year 2 talk which will be taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm – 6pm in the studio. We hope to see you there!

We all look forward to a happy and successful year together in Year 2.

Yours sincerely

Miss Gedney  
Head of Year 2