



Swallowfield Lower School

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Tuesday 5th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Two! We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday. We are excited about the year ahead and have lots to look forward to.

Our topic for the Autumn Term is 'Changes within Living Memory'. The children will be learning about changes in technology, family life, transport, food, toys and music. For your reference, we have attached our medium term plan for the first half of the Autumn Term.

Y2P have PE on Tuesdays and Y2MP will have PE on Thursdays. We ask that the children bring their PE kit into school on Monday morning and keep it in school for the whole week, as timetables are subject to change. Their PE kit needs to be named and should include appropriate indoor and outdoor kit. Whilst the weather allows, swimming for both classes will be on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Again, please ensure your child's named swimming kit is in school on a Monday morning in case we need to swim at a different time. Earrings should be removed, or your child will not be able to swim.

Every week, your child will receive spellings, times tables and their learning log tasks. We will be learning our times tables throughout the year: x2, x5 and x10 to begin with. We ask that the learning logs are brought in on a Thursday so they can be checked and marked ready to go out again on a Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings and times tables on Friday mornings and the results sheet will be placed in their homework folders. A separate letter will follow to explain about our new whole school spelling scheme.

We hope to start home-school library again next week. Year Two will choose their books on **Mondays** so book bags need to be in on this day. Please be reminded that our home-school library no longer reflects your child's reading level at school and is purely to promote reading for pleasure at home. We encourage the children to choose appropriate books independently but please do let us know if your child is consistently choosing books that are not appropriate. Please feel free to write any comments about your child's reading in their learning logs, as we do not use the white reading communication diaries in year two.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day and an optional healthy morning snack. They are provided with a piece of fruit as a snack in the afternoon.

We are very much looking forward to a successful year together. If you feel that you need to come and talk to us about anything concerning your child, please do. Communication between home and school is important and please feel that you can approach us. With that in mind, it is often better to catch us after school so we have more time to talk with you.

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To help you become increasingly familiar with the Year 2 team, we would like to invite you to an informal meeting on **Tuesday 12th September at 9am** in the school hall. This will give us a chance to talk further about Year 2 and answer any questions that you may have. In addition, there will be a separate meeting about End of Key Stage Assessments later in the year.

Year Two class assemblies this term are:

Y2P Friday 13th October at 3:00pm

Y2MP Wednesday 8th November at 3:00pm

Finally, we would like to make a small plea for help. If you are available to come into school to support swimming, help with a trip or home-school library, it would be very much appreciated. You will need a current DBS check.

We look forward to speaking with you throughout the school year.

Kind regards

Mr McGill

Mrs Peters (formerly Miss Goodricke)

Miss Potter

Year Two Teachers