

Year 2 Information for Parents

Welcome to Year 2. We hope this information will help you to support your child this year and explain a little more of how the year will progress. If at any point you would like to come and speak to one of us please do not hesitate and remember you can email us using apple@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk or oak@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk We want the children to feel happy and safe as we believe they will learn well when they feel this way, for this reason we want to work as a team with you so that every child can reach their potential. We hope this will provide some of the basic information however we will host a parent meeting via zoom to explain both the phonics assessment and the end of year assessments (SATs) in a few weeks.

Drinks bottle

Please can your child bring in to school a water bottle. Research has shown that drinking water throughout the day is beneficial in helping the children be alert and ready to learn.



PE

Oak class: Monday and Wednesday

Apple class: Wednesday and Friday

As you are aware we have to change things a little at the moment and for the immediate future, we would ask that your child comes to school on the days they have PE in their PE kit. If they have jogging bottoms or leggings these can be worn with their PE t-shirt and their school jumper. It would be good if they can also come in their pumps.



Reading and Homework Books

Over the next 2 weeks we will be assessing every child to ensure they bring home a book which is appropriate for their ability. The reading books will be sent home on a Monday and we will be collecting all reading books on a Friday. The books will then be kept separate for 72 hours before being returned to the main book store and ready for the next child to take home. Please encourage your child to hand these in on Friday morning. To support the COVID 19 guidance we will send a book

home for you to record the numbers of reads in however we will not be collecting it until half term. In the meantime you can email us at our class email to tell us once a week the number of reads your child has achieved. This will help us to continue to celebrate their success with reading certificates. As a school we recommend hearing your child read 4 times a week as a minimum. The more children read, the wider knowledge of vocabulary they will develop and begin to use in their written work - a little often makes a big difference. A child can only achieve 7 reads a week through reading once a day.

Phonics

At the end of Year 1 every child across the country is assessed on their phonic knowledge. This year the current Year 2 children were unable to be assessed and the government have moved the assessment to just after the October half term. To support your child with this they will have a daily phonics lesson as normal and in addition they will have short sessions where we go over tricky sounds.

Spellings

This year we are changing our approach to spellings. At the start of the year we will be assessing the spelling of frequently used words for both Year 1 and Year 2. Any inaccuracies will be taught in school. We will however be sending a copy of the assessment home so you can see which words your child would benefit practising with you at home.

SATS

At the end of Year 2, we will assess the progress made by every child. One way that we do this is by giving them a set of questions for them to complete independently. Assessments are done in every year group (Year 2 and Year 6 are statutory) and the children are prepared for these. Often they don't even realise they are doing SATS!

Maths in Year 2

As part of the Year 2 maths curriculum the children need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table as well as quickly recalling number bonds to and within 10, 20 and 100. Research has shown that short, regular practice of key number facts enables children to remember them. This will also benefit them

long term as the government have introduced a times table test at the end of Year 4, where they will need to know their times tables up to 12×12 .

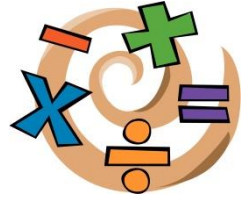
We will provide practice sheets in their homework books from time to time but please see below for more ways to practice.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

Keep fit and do maths at the same time!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-maths-collection/z6v4scw>



In addition

As and when we find maths and phonics games which we think your child would enjoy doing, we will email them to you in the usual way. Paper copies will be available if you struggle to access things online.

Thank you for your ongoing support; we really do appreciate all that you are doing to help us.

The Year 2 Team