



Happy Summer Term! We hope that you have all had a relaxing and chocolate-filled break. It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back for another exciting and hopefully a far sunnier term in Year 2!

We strive for a classroom community that is happy, kind and that enables open communication. We are always happy to hear from you. As per last term, there are a few different ways for you to keep up to date with the goings on in Year 2. Please feel free to contact me via email at office@st-thomascanterbury.medway.sch.uk or for matters that only require a short, written response, you can contact me directly using the Class Dojo App. For any medical, absence, appointment or end of day pick up related messages, please contact the school office.

As before, you will be receiving a 'House Keeping Curriculum Map' every half term, to update you on your child's learning journey. We will also be sending home regular homework related to our learning in class in order to support their progress. In Year 2, we ask that the children read to an adult at home as regularly as possible. This should be recorded in their Reading Record Books. If your child reads more than 20 times per short term, they will receive a certificate to celebrate their efforts.

Based on the success of our new book changing routine last term, book changes will continue based on the children's Castle Groups into the summer term. Please ensure your child brings in their reading books and reading contact book on their designated reading day, as the classroom adult will hear them read and their book will be changed. These days are as follows:

Hever: Monday

Dover: Tuesday

Rochester: Thursday

Leeds: Friday

These changes will allow both the Class Teacher and TA to hear the children read individually.

We also ask that the children practise their times tables frequently as they are of great importance to our leaning in Maths this year. By the end of Year 2, the children are expected to know their 2s,3s,5s and 10s.

Every week, your child will be sent home with a new spelling list which they will be expected to learn through handwriting practise. These spelling words are in line with our phonics for the week. As per last term, spelling tests will take place on a Monday- therefore all homework is due in on this day.

As per last term, the children will need to wear their PE kits upon arrival every Wednesday and Friday. Forest school will now take for every child, every other Monday beginning the week starting 28/04/25.

| Year 2 – Weekly Reminders | |
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| Monday | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spelling test day. 2. All homework due in. 3. Hever's book changing day. 4. Forrest School (ALL). |
| Tuesday | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dover's book changing day. |
| Wednesday | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New spellings and homework set. 2. PE kit to be worn to school. 3. Mrs Bell covering every Wednesday afternoon. |
| Thursday | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rochester's book changing day. |
| Friday | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PE Kit to be worn to school. 2. Leed's book changing day. |

Helping your child at home

| Reading | Writing | Maths |
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| <p>Good readers make for good writers. It is important that we support the children in becoming resilient learners who read for pleasure.</p> <p>Regular reading is essential in any year group, so we ask for the children to be read with as much as possible at home. We recommend that all children - even confident readers who prefer to read to themselves, are heard reading aloud daily.</p> <p>Visiting the library is a great way to get children excited about reading. There are various libraries local to us that will welcome you into their reading community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory/6/find_a_library | <p>Your child will be sent home with new spellings every Wednesday. Why not encourage them to try using a dictionary to practise finding the definitions for tricky or unfamiliar words on their lists? We will be focusing lots on uplevelling our vocabulary this year too, so beginning to use a thesaurus to explore synonyms would be great support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://kids.wordsmyth.net/we • https://kidthesaurus.com • ictgames.com | <p>In Year 2, the expectations for mental arithmetic are slightly different that in the previous academic Year. This Year, we'll be expected to count in steps of 2, 3, 5, 10; double and halve one and two digit numbers; and know the multiplication and division facts for the 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. Here are some useful websites that you may wish to explore at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://ttrockstars.com • https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check • https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button • https://www.mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication-and-division |



play nice.

work hard.

stay kind.

