

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 2! We hope you and your children have had a lovely first couple of days back at school. It has been wonderful getting to know the children and seeing them begin to settle into their new classroom, routines and friendships. We are really looking forward to getting to know each of them even more over the coming weeks.

We are very excited about all the learning and fun we have planned for the year ahead and can't wait to share it with you!

Our first project this term is called 'Movers and Shakers'. You will find a detailed project web on our class page on the school website, which gives you an overview of the learning we will be doing this term. This includes our first school trip to Thriftwood, which we are sure the children will be very excited about!

Alongside the project web, you will also find the children's English homework sheets to complete at home and information about accessing their Maths homework through the White Rose app. There is also a #MyLearning grid with lots of fun activities to support learning in school, as well as developing useful life skills. We would love to see what the children get up to, and we look forward to displaying their work proudly in our classroom. Work can be emailed to us via the admin address or sent into school as a paper copy.

One of the most important parts of homework is reading with your child every day. Your child will come home with three books: one phonics or fluency book, one book from our banded reading scheme and one book to enjoy together for pleasure. We appreciate that family life can be busy, but even a short amount of reading each day makes a huge difference. Reading helps children develop their vocabulary, imagination and confidence and opens the door to so many new stories, ideas and opportunities.

Books are changed on a Thursday, including library books, and reading diaries will be checked. Children will also read with an adult at least twice a week in school, so please make sure reading diaries are brought into school every day.

Homework and #MyLearning points will be collected on a Friday, so please make sure any completed work is brought in or emailed in by then.

Our PE days are Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor). Children should come to school wearing their full school PE kit on these days. Please ensure earrings are removed before school if your child is unable to remove them independently. If your child attends an after-school club on a non-PE day, please send in a separate PE kit for them to change into.

If you have any questions, concerns or simply want to have a chat, please do get in touch. You can email us at admin@bentley-st-pauls.essex.sch.uk, contact the school office or catch us on the gate at the end of the day.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teachers' afternoon and to working together throughout what we hope will be a fantastic year for your children.

Thank you for your support as we begin our Year 2 journey together. We are so excited about the year ahead and all the wonderful things the children will learn, achieve and experience!

Many thanks and take care,

The Year 2 Team

Miss Cebreiro, Mrs McGlynn and Mrs Williams