



# Welcome to Year 2 2023/2024!

My name is Mrs Stewart and I am delighted to be your child's class teacher this year! My main aim is for the children to be happy and confident, as well as feel safe whilst in my care.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your child in what I am sure will be an incredibly exciting year ahead. Mrs Walsh is the class TA and is just as excited to be with the class as I am. On any days when I am not in class, Mrs Nalton will teach them.

My door is always open, therefore if you ever have a concern or worries please come and let me know.

This page will be updated throughout the course of the academic year so keep looking at this for updates. For now, enjoy reading all about Year 2!

Regards,

*Miss Stewart*





## Key Information



**Punctuality:** It is so important that pupils arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We line up outside the classroom at the beginning of the day. Pupils need to be lined up at 8:45am as the bell rings. If you are late, the gates will be locked and children need to go through the main entrance. We expect all of our pupils to come in quietly and sensibly and of course, ready to learn!

**Pegs & Trays:** In Year 2 we hang our coats on a peg in the cloakroom. We also have trays for each pupil. These are there for the children to put their book bags in, ensuring they are kept safe and that nothing gets lost! It is also a great way to encourage their independence and start to take responsibility for their belongings.



**Pupil Drop Off:** We know that drop off can be rather stressful when the children are so young! But rest assured, as soon as you have left, your child will be absolutely fine! Children should be brought to and collected from the classroom door. We strongly encourage them to sort themselves and their own belongings out. This is so very important and therefore we kindly ask that as parents and carers you support us with this.

**Toilets:** We still use the same toilets as we did in Year 1, so no need to worry where you will need to go! We encourage you to go to the toilet at playtimes and lunch time, however should you need to go the toilet, you simply need to ask a member of staff.



**Passwords:** We have a password system in school for collection of children. The passwords progress through school with your child so if your circumstances change and you need to change the password please let the school office know. It is likely that this password will only be used on rare occasions, in unexpected circumstances and not for normal collection

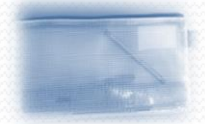


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**Pastoral:** Being safe and indeed feeling safe, is at the very heart of our school. At St Michael's we are very lucky to have a superb pastoral team in place. The children are all aware of who and where in school they can go should they need support or someone to talk to. The pastoral team have drop in sessions each term which are open to any parents who would like to discuss their child's needs. The dates for the drop ins are added to the parent calendar so please watch this space. If however, you would like to meet with one of the team before the drop in, then please contact them. Our door is always open!

**Stationery:** In Year 2, you will all be provided with everything you need for your learning





# Reminders



**PE:** Our PE Days are Monday and Fridays Please ensure your child has appropriate kit consisting of navy shorts, trainers and their house T-Shirt. Any watches must be removed as well as stud earrings.

**Uniform:** We are very proud of how smart our pupils look at school. Please ensure your child has correct school uniform. The PTFA hold a used uniform stall quite frequently, where you can pick up good as new pieces for a tiny amount.



**Water & Snacks:** Your child is encouraged to bring a fillable bottle to school containing water. This can be replenished during the school day. The will also be provided with a healthy snack at morning break.

**Celebration Assembly:** In Year 2 we reward our pupils against our core values; information on these can be found on the school website. Every week, a child will be chosen who has demonstrated a specific value and this will be further celebrated in our celebration worship on Friday.







## Homework & Learning In Year 2



**Topics:** There is nothing more exciting for a teacher to hear than when their pupils want to continue learning at home! Throughout this year, we will be covering some really exciting topics where the children will have the option to produce work to support this, in their own time and will have the option to share this with their peers.

**Core Subjects:** In Year 2 we use a variety of online platforms that are designed to help your child with their phonics, spellings and maths. Spellings shed, numbots & TT rock stars are amazing resources. Your child will be given a password to access these. More information will be provided on our curriculum evening.



**Reading:** There is a real push on reading at home and in school. In Year 2, you can choose your own book once you've finished reading it. Books can be changed any day of the week. We kindly ask that your child brings their book bag and book into school every day. We are incredibly lucky here at St Michael's to have a well stocked library, classrooms libraris and brilliant reading walls...please ensure you try and listen to your child read every day. This is vitally important.

“The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss



## Specific Things In Year 2



**SATS:** This year SAT's is no longer compulsory and therefore won't be going ahead like previous years. However we have decided to use the SAT's tests as an assessment tool. So, although the children will sit the tests it will be much more flexible than previous years and will be used to inform assessments throughout the year.

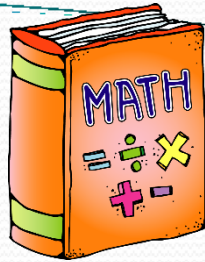




**English**

Stanleys Stick- Character description and narrative

Flat Stanley- Letter and postcard



**Math**

Place Value  
Addition and subtraction



**Computing**

How IT is used.



**Geography**

Oceans and Continents

## Autumn 1 – What Year 2 Will Be Learning



**Art**

Drawing and sketching

Artist- Picasso



**Science**

Animals including humans



**RE**

How is new life welcomed?



**PHSCE**

How can we help?



**Music**

Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch