



# Year 2 Autumn 1

## Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for a busy term ahead as we welcome you into Year 2!

## WHAT WE ARE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM

Our first topic of the year will be Knights and Castles. In this topic we will be looking at the history of Knights and Castles, including a first-hand look at source material in our trip to Portchester Castle on Monday 18 September- information will soon follow!

In Maths and English we will begin the year by carrying out assessments on the pupils to determine how much they have retained over the long summer break, to help plan out term according to their needs. We will be working on place value and introducing new calculation methods in maths and will be having a big focus on handwriting and the spelling of the common exception words in English, linked in with our topic... we have some exciting texts that we are looking forward to exploring with the children!

We will also be studying ourselves and growth in our science work, finding out how to keep healthy and stay safe with medicines. In Religious Education we will be considering symbols of light as we learn about the Hindu celebration of Divali. In our PSHE lessons we will be thinking about new beginnings as we settle into our new classes.

We would like to invite you to join our medieval celebration to round off the topic at the end of this half term on Thursday 19 October- details to follow soon!

## How you can help at home

\* Help your child to learn their spellings each week. These will be sent home every Tuesday and will be tested the following Tuesday. Stickers are awarded for full marks.

\* Read at least 3 times a week at home; reading can be materials from home or school. Remember to record this in your linked reader to collect points towards our 'Reading Disco'!

\* Complete the English or Maths homework sent out alternate Fridays. This will be based upon the learning that has occurred during the week and will help your child to practise their new skills!

### Key diary dates

**13 September - 2.30pm Year 2 welcome meeting for parents**

**18 September - Portchester Castle visit**

**9 October - 9am phonic drop in for Year 2 parents**

**17 October – 9.00am maths talk for KS1 parents**

**18 October - flu vaccinations**

**19 October - Medieval celebration day**