



# Uffculme Primary School

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## AUTUMN 2023 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 2,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an excellent Summer Holiday with your family and friends. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 2 this term.

In Year 2 this year, Mrs Moss and Ms Wright will be teaching, with Mrs Tate supporting in the mornings, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an open-door policy, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moss or Ms Wright. Similarly, if we are ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with our teaching assistant, Mrs Tate as she will be more than happy to help.

We have only been back in school a short time, but we are very pleased with how well the children have settled into Year 2. We are all looking forward to the year ahead. We have included a list of topics and a brief explanation for what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 2, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Fiction - Story writing based on Augustus and his smile. Instruction writing. Fire of London non-fiction writing.	We will be able to retell the story and make a story map. We will learn to use conjunctions and use expanded noun phrases in our writing to add detail. We will learn about instructional language and how to write clear instructions.  Features of non-fiction texts
Maths	Numbers, addition and subtraction, measurement.	We will learn about the value of each digit – tens and ones, how to add and subtract one- and two-digit numbers. Length and height.
Science	Animals including Humans, Materials	How humans and animals grow, the stages of life and what animals need to survive. Different materials and their properties.
Geography & History	The Great Fire of London - Globetrotters	To learn about events beyond living memory. We will find out where London is and what it would have been like there in 1666. We will use different sources to find out about what happened.

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		Travelling and maps, starting from London and widening out to the globe before coming back to focus on Africa.
ICT	Online safety and word processing	How to log on at school, how to stay safe online and word processing.
Art & DT	Drawing	We will develop our mark-making and explore a wide range of tools and experiment with creating texture to add detail to drawings. We will develop techniques of colour, pattern, line, shape, form and space.
Music	Hands, Heart, Feet	Using our voices and glockenspiels to learn about pitch, tempo and African beats.
PSHE	Families and relationships Health and wellbeing	Learning that families are composed of different people who offer each other care and support. Learning about the benefits of exercise and relaxation on physical health and wellbeing.
RE	Christians and God	What do Christians believe God is like? The prodigal son story and children's ideas about forgiveness.
PE	Invasion games	Working on skills that improve agility, balance and coordination.

## HOMEWORK IN YEAR 2

### Reading

**All children** at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard. Children will be rewarded with dojos if they read three times a week at home.

### Spelling

In Year 2, children will be learning new spellings throughout the year and we will send home a set of spellings each week to consolidate their learning. Children will be given a spelling homework folder and on a Wednesday each week a new set of spellings will be sent home for them to practise.

### Maths

Maths homework in Year 2 is Doodle Maths. We would like children to try to do their 'x a day' on Doodle Maths – this is a different number of questions for each child and is set to match their ability level. If they cannot do it every day, perhaps aim for at least three a week. We will reward effort on maths homework each Friday. The children's log on details can be found in the front of their reading record books.

### Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a water bottle into school every day for your child. It is really important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.

Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day for snack but if your child would like an extra snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.



## PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you for your help and support over the term ahead. It really promises to be a wonderful year where your child will grow in confidence and independence.

With very best wishes,

*Mrs Moss and Ms Wright*

Year 2 Teachers

## Dates for your diary:

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Children to start (apart from Reception children)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		Home visits to new children
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>		Part time attendance for EYFS children to start
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		First full day for Reception children
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Open Classrooms
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Non-Pupil Inset Day
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Harvest Festival (Church) - Food donations to CHAT
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings (incl. SENDCO meetings)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:40pm	Parent Consultation Evenings
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Non-Pupil Day Trust-Wide Day

