



# Uffculme Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome to Year 2

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break!

Please find attached an overview of the curriculum that we will be studying this term. It also includes some ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Subject	Topic	How to support learning at home
English	Fiction - Story writing based on Augustus and his smile. Non-Fiction -Instruction writing Poetry	Read favourite stories and talk about what makes a story exciting. Use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing. Think of and talk about interesting describing words. Talk about instructions and when you might use/see them e.g. directions, recipes. Share some poems and poetry books with your child.
Maths	Number work: place value (ones and tens) Addition and subtraction Money Properties of shapes	Talk about numbers you see around you, e.g. door numbers—how many ones and how many tens? Count and add items in the home, e.g. raisins in your bowl. How can we make this easier to count? Allow children to help count money. Ask children to describe the 2D and 3D shapes they see, e.g. television, pizza. How many sides?
Science	Animals including humans Everyday materials	Talk about how we change as we grow up from babies to adults. How do we take care of ourselves? Ask children what materials items are made of around the home.
Geography/ History	The Great Fire of London	Look at where London is on a map. Talk about what it is like there and what it might have been like there 350 years ago. Use books and the internet to find out about the Great Fire.
ICT	Online safety Programming turtle	Talk about how we use the internet and ask children about the dangers and benefits of the internet and devices.

Art / DT	Fire of London silhouettes using mixed media - Drawing, pastels, collage.  Mask making	Look at different artists work and talk about how they use colour and what media they have used.  Children may like to make observational drawings/paintings of artwork they like.
Music	Music and well-being: Lovely Day Ho Ho Ho	Listen to different styles of music. Enjoy listening to Seasonal songs.
RE	What do Christians believe God is like?	Talk to children about what you and others think about God. Ask their views and ask them to think about how a belief or disbelief might affect someone's life.
PSHE	Health and wellbeing	Talk about keeping healthy and what we can do to help ourselves stay healthy. Discuss why sleep and rest are important for growing and keeping healthy.
PE	Games	Being active as a family.

### Teachers

Mrs Moss will be teaching Year 2 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Wright will teach in Year 2 on Thursday and Friday.

### Teaching Assistants

In Year 2 we are lucky enough to have the support of Mrs Kerslake and Mrs Hands to support the children with their learning.

### PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Monday and Wednesday morning. 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 plimsolls/trainers. 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 ear-rings.

### Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a named water bottle in to 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.

## Homework

Homework is an integral part of your child's learning. The homework set allows your child to consolidate what has been learnt in school and extend their learning further. Your child will have a **Homework book**. This will have a spelling sheet each week. Maths homework will be set weekly on DB Primary. More information will be put in the front of the homework book which will be sent out soon.

Your child will also have a reading book. They will have a Rigby Star independent book which will match the learning in their guided reading book in school each week. During Year 2 your child will also start to bring home an AR book. When they have an AR book, they will need to complete a quiz in school based on the book before they are able to change it (they need to achieve 80% or above). It would be of benefit to your child if you could spend some quiet time each evening supporting them with their reading. Please use the Reading Record booklet to record when you and your child read at home.

On a weekly basis your child will be expected to complete:

- The spelling and maths homework
- At least 3 reads at home, written in their Reading Record and signed by an adult

Year 2 is a fun and exciting year at school where children grow in confidence and independence.

If you should have any questions or concerns about any aspect of Year 2, please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange to speak to one of the Year 2 staff.

We look forward to an exciting Autumn term with Year 2.

Mrs Moss and Mrs Wright