Welcome to Year Two

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back for the summer term.

Routine

At the start of the day, children will continue to come into the classroom at **8.45 a.m**. Your child needs to be ready with everything they require for the day’s learning including their reading book, reading record and a water bottle. The school day finishes at **3.15p.m.**

The children always look smart in their uniform. Please ensure that all items of uniform are named. As we move into the warmer weather, please ensure that your child has a named sun hat. Sun cream can be applied at home as needed.

English

Reading: The children will continue to read with an adult during the school week. Each child will also choose a library book from our school library every Monday, which should be returned the following week. We expect all children to read regularly at home. Please ensure their reading record book is signed by an adult and brought in every day so that they can collect their Red Ted reward points.

Literacy-led English curriculum: At Great Heath Academy, our English curriculum is led by high-quality literacy texts. This term, some of the books we are studying include:



The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton



The Robot and the Bluebird by David Lucas

Through our English lessons, we will continue developing writing skills such as using adverbs and adjectives for description and apostrophes for contraction and possession.

Thank you for practising spellings each week. We can see evidence of their progress and improvement in their independent writing. Spellings will continue to come home throughout the summer term.

Maths

Using White Rose Maths, topics studied this term will include fractions including halves, quarters and thirds. In time, we will be practising telling the time on an analogue clock using quarter to, quarter past and time within five minutes e.g.20 minutes to ten or ten minutes past eleven. We will continue daily practise of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Times table knowledge can be supported by regular usage of TT Rockstars at home.

Topics

In our history topic, *Magnificent Monarchs,* children will find out about six sovereigns from Alfred the Great to Queen Elizabeth II. They will create a timeline and find about royal residences including Buckingham Palace, Balmoral Castle and Osborne House.

Our science topic, *Plant Survival,* will include finding out about the conditions needed in order for plants to grow, how to keep plants healthy and we will be growing cress and keeping a cress diary.

P.E.

Our scheduled P.E. lessons are on a Tuesday and Friday. Children must bring their named P.E. kit into school on a Monday and these can remain in school each week if you wish. As some P.E. lessons will be outside the children can wear black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers, their green school P.E. T-shirt and school jumper.
**All** jewellery must be removed **at home** on these days.

Homework expectations

* Children to read their school book regularly and discuss it with an adult
* Weekly spelling
* Occasional topic or maths work

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer term!

Kind regards,

Miss Saunders and Miss Jardine