

# William Shrewsbury Primary School

## Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

### Welcome

Welcome to Year 2! What a fabulous start to the year. All children have settled very well into their new classrooms and are already showing us excellent behaviour for learning. They all look very smart and they will be super role models for our younger children in the school. There will be lots to learn this year and we hope it will be great fun. We have some really interesting topics, challenges and events to look forward to and we hope your child enjoys everything. Thank you to those who were able to join us for our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting, if not, please take time to read our handout which has lots more important information for the year ahead.

If you have any worries please email on the class email and we will always get back to you.

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### Important Dates for your Diary

**27/9/19** Macmillan Coffee Morning

**27/9/19** Yr1/2 Move and Groove 3.15pm-4.15pm.

**4/10/19** Harvest Donations and autumn colours dress up day

**22/10/19** Parents Evening

**24/10/19** Parents Evening

**24/10/19** Break up for half term

**25/10/19** INSET DAY

**4/11/19** School reopens

**W.b 4/11/19** 2B Parent lunch week

**W.b 11/11/19** 2G Parent lunch week

**W.b 18/11/19** 2R Parent lunch week

**20/11/19** School Photo Day

**22/11/19** Wear anything day- bring a donation for the Christmas Fayre

**23/11/19** Christmas Fayre

**9/12/19** Year 2 Christmas Concert 2pm

**10/12/19** Year 2 Christmas Concert 2pm

**13/12/19** Christmas Lunch

**18/12/19** Pantomime Trip

**18/12/19** Christmas Party

**20/12/19** Break up for Christmas

### Trips and Visits

We hope to organise 2 trips and some local visits this year. We are very mindful of keeping costs down and will always try not to ask for money too often. We do feel, however, that for a modest cost we can offer the children real experiences that are fun, memorable and stimulate learning. We always appreciate your support.

### Christmas Arrangements



Following on from last year's success we will be performing our Christmas concerts in St Mary's Church. It is a lovely experience for the children to perform in such a beautiful old building. We will also be taking all of Key Stage 1 children to the pantomime in Derby again as it was such a success last year.  
More information to follow.

### Book Based Curriculum

Each half term we will be studying a text in great depth. The children come to love these books as they are so familiar with them, often choosing to use vocabulary from the books in their own speaking and writing. The books we will be studying over the year are:

- On the Way Home
- The Bear and the Piano
- The Highway Rat
- The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch
- The Girl who thought she was a Dog
- The Giraffe, the Pelly and me

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## How to help your child

### Maths

With an aim to improve progress in Maths, we will be sending home a Maths Target Mat for your reference during our first Parent Interviews.

This term we are working on securing children's understanding of number by covering: Place value and number order, counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10, addition and subtraction and problem solving including money.

Please could you work on number formation and securing pairs of numbers with totals of 10, 20 and 100

$$\begin{array}{llll} 8+2=10 & 2+8=10 & 10-8=2 & 10-2=8 \\ 18+2=20 & 12+8=20 & 20-18=2 & 20-2=18 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 80+20=100 & 20+80=100 \\ 100-20=80 & 100-80=20 \end{array}$$

### English

With an aim to improve progress in English, we will continue to talk to children about their writing and how they can build on their skills to move their learning forward.

If your child enjoys writing at home, please could you help reinforce correct letter formation and positioning on the line and the use of capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences.

We will be sending home a copy of our Year 2 common exception words at our first Parent Interviews.

### Reading

Your child will be bringing home a school reading book and reading diary to share with you.

We recommend that children change their reading book regularly and we ask you to make a note in their reading diaries once each book has been read.

We are now encouraging children to be more independent in their choice of reading books.

It has been great to see so many children showing enthusiasm towards our 'Ready, Steady...Read' challenge. We are looking forward to giving out the first stage certificates soon!

### Family Challenge Homework

Each half term we will be sending home a family challenge homework. Please continue to surprise us with your imaginative and creative ideas! The children do love to share them with each other and they always make a fantastic display. Thank you for your super 'Journeys' projects that were completed over the summer holidays. They were fabulous!

