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Grove  
Primary School

## Information

- In order to learn well, children need to be in school every day!
- Help your child to get to school on time. The classroom door will be open at 8:45am and the register is taken at 8.55am.
- Home reading books – at an appropriate reading level - will be changed twice a week, usually on a Monday and Thursday/Friday. Please sign the reading record to indicate you have listened to your child read, so we know the book is ready to be changed.
- Library books – of your child's own choice – will be given out on a Friday.
- Send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform. This will help them to feel a valued part of our school community.
- Your child will need the correct school PE kit in school every Monday.

## Members of staff in year 2 this year

### Year 2LT

Miss Taylor & Miss Amair

### Year 1PG

Ms Gibby & Miss Harris

# Year 2 Autumn 2019

Welcome to Year 2.

This leaflet will let you know about the various opportunities your children will have to learn new things in Key Stage 1.

You can help at home too! Try to read with your child as often as possible and sign their reading log so their book can be changed. Keep reading time relaxed, comfortable and fun! Make it a special time together. Ask them questions and what they think or feel about what they are reading.

Maths is everywhere, so try and use your everyday surroundings to encourage enthusiasm and confidence in this subject. For example you can talk about the time, measuring ingredients during cooking and counting out money during visits to the shops.

You are welcome to ask us if you would like to know more. Please feel free to talk to staff at the start or end of the day.

*'Practice Makes Perfect!'*

## English

Pupils will be practising a range of English skills to develop their writing grammatically so they can write in sentences, using punctuation correctly. They will explore how to write stories that include a range of descriptive language to improve the quality of their sentences. As well as factual writing such as instructions and information texts, we will also be looking at writing some simple list poems this term. Children will work on the spelling of high frequency words and make phonetically plausible attempts at difficult words. They will also be reading a range of high quality texts to further develop their comprehension skills.

## Our Topic

We will be making learning cross-curricular, fun and creative through meaningful topics using **Art, History, Geography and D&T**. This term our topics are 'Food Glorious Food' and 'The Great Fire of London'.

Children will be learning about the continents of the world, cities in the UK and all about our local area.

They will also become history detectives and investigate a range of sources to deepen their understanding of a significant historical event.

For DT, we will be looking at preparing healthy food, including designing labels.

## Science

Pupils will be learning about what all living things need in order to survive. They will investigate the importance of exercise and the impact that this has on the human body. Pupils will learn about the main food groups and the significance of a healthy lifestyle.

## Junior Jam

This term, we are very lucky and excited to be working with Junior Jam. The children will be improving their ICT skills, singing and playing a variety of instruments in Music and learning a language: Spanish. ¡Vamos a aprender español!

## Speaking & Spellings

During this term children will become more proficient at segmenting the sounds in words in order to be able to write them down and spell words correctly. In order to do this, children will need to be able to say words clearly so please encourage your child to speak carefully and clearly when you talk to them. We have sent home the high frequency words they should spell correctly by the end of Year 2.

## Useful Websites:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

## Maths

In Year 2 we will be continuing to develop the children's understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using our *Maths Makes Sense!* approach to learning. This means we will be doing our maths practically before we write down our calculations. We include adding and subtracting halves and quarters. Then we will move on to vertical addition and subtraction but only with one 'tricky column'! We will be telling the time to the quarter of an hour and doing further work on 2D & 3D shapes. You can help your child to practise their maths skills by talking about adding and taking away numbers from zero to twenty as well as counting up and back into the hundreds.

## Don't Forget...

The Library is free and a fantastic resource. Our nearest library is:

Wolverhampton Central Library,  
Snow Hill,  
City Centre,  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 3AX  
01902 552025

History is at our fingertips through Wolverhampton museums, galleries and archives. Find out what is going on across the city by visiting:  
[www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves](http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves)