



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a special welcome to Year 2! I am so excited to be teaching your wonderful children again and watch them continue to amaze me as they learn and grow. Some information will remain the same, but I wanted to remind you about our routines.

## **Reading books**

In Year 2, it is expected for your child to read for at least 5 minutes at home 5 times a week. This may be their school reading book, library book, a book from home or their spellings. After you have heard them read, please write a comment and sign your child's reading record. Throughout the week, the children will be heard reading during group reading sessions.

## **Spellings**

Spellings will be handed out each Friday, and then tested on them the following Friday. It is important that your child practises the spellings each week as much as possible at home. There is a list of common words your child is expected to know by the end of Year 2, these will be included in the spellings.

## **Homework**

Maths and English homework will be given out on a Monday and should be handed in on the following Monday. The homework activities support the learning your child is doing in class. Please ensure homework is completed **neatly**, using a pencil to write, and sticking in any worksheets with glue or tape. If your child is unable to complete their homework, then please let me know. For those children who would like an extra challenge, each half term I will send out a suggestion for a project related to our topic!

## **PE**

PE lessons will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Children should come to school in their PE kit for both sessions. During the colder months, the children can wear plain navy or black jogging bottoms. Children will continue to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days.

## **Water bottles**

Children can bring a water bottle into school so that they can have a drink throughout the day. Please can you ensure their bottles are named and only water, no juice, is allowed in the bottles. The water bottles need to be taken home every night.

## **Snacks**

At break time, each child is given a piece of fruit. However, if they would prefer, they can bring in a piece of fruit, or vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks). Friday is treat day, so your child can bring in a cereal bar or a packet of crisps to enjoy (fruit will also be available).

If you need to contact me at any time, please telephone or email the school office (info@mgl.srscmat.co.uk) who will forward on any messages

Thank you for all your valued support,  
Mrs Barry



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