



THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF ST. SAVIOUR AND ST. MARY OVERIE

Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust that you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. Together with Rita, I am very impressed with the fantastic start Class 2 have made to the year, and am looking forward to teaching them and working with you throughout the year.

In order to be fully successful in their learning, children need the support from both school and home. In Year 2, children have ten spellings a week for homework, as well as handwriting and times tables practise. The times tables learnt in Year 2 are the 2x, 5x and 10x. Children also progress onto learning to count in 3s, prior to learning the 3x table.

Each week on Monday the children will receive their weekly spellings, handwriting focus and times tables in their homework book. This book may be used for practising the week's homework, for example by using spelling words in sentences and practising handwriting. Please support your child by encouraging him or her to complete this work. Spellings and times tables will be tested on Fridays. On the Class 2 blog, please find the 'Home Learning Resources' page, which is full of online resources for practising key skills in English and maths.

It is important that times tables are learnt in any order, for example, 2×6 or 6×2 . We will also be progressing onto finding related division facts, for example, $2 \times 6 = 12$ so $12 \div 6 = 2$ and $12 \div 2 = 6$. If your child is confident with their times tables, this is a very useful extra challenge that can be practised at home.

Please continue to read with your child regularly at home, preferably every day, and use their reading record to note down the date, pages read and any comments. The reading record may be used to record any reading that is taking place at home, not only the reading scheme books. It is essential that children are supported to read widely for pleasure, as well as developing their skills through the reading scheme.

The Curriculum Overview is intended to give you an understanding of what will be learnt this term and how you can support this learning. If you have any brief queries or questions regarding your child's education, then please don't hesitate to speak with me whilst I am welcoming the children outside before school or dismissing them at the end of day. Or alternatively, if you would like a longer conversation, please feel free to book a meeting via the school office.

Please do contact me if you have any relevant knowledge, expertise, contacts or artefacts you would be happy to share around the curriculum this year.

We look forward to a busy term ahead and hope your child has a happy and successful time in Class 2.

I very much look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

Miss Dace