

### Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives at school between 8:40am and 8:50am.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- All clothing and PE/swimming kits should be clearly named.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School meal.
- Year 2 children should be dropped off at the link to our new building and collected from our playground.

### Swimming and PE Lessons:

- Year 2 will begin swimming in Term 4.
- We have PE lessons weekly so please ensure your child has their named PE kit with them at the start of each week .



### The Year 2 Team:

**Teachers** (from left to right): Miss Wells (Year Group Leader), Mrs Willis, Miss Miles.

**Support Staff:** Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilsher, Mrs Rainsbury, Ms McAuliffe.

*Many thanks for all your support, especially as we embed our new collection and arrival procedures for our new setting. If you have any concerns or enquiries regarding your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.*



# Joy Lane Primary School Year 2 Newsletter

## Terms 1 & 2

Welcome back! We hope you and your child had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready for the new school year. We are very excited for the year of learning ahead in our new upstairs classrooms!

This newsletter will give a brief overview of the activities we are doing in Terms 1 and 2.

In Term 1 our learning theme is...



### The Seaside



This topic will enable us to put Whitstable into a wider context using a range of maps and through the exploration of the geographical features of coasts. We will be using the story of the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' to inspire our story writing whilst developing our English skills. This learning theme will, of course, enable us to visit our local beach!

In Term 2 our learning theme is ...



### London's Burning



During our learning theme of 'London's Burning', we will explore a range of historical events. We will investigate the Great Fire of London, write from the view point of Florence Nightingale and understand the significance of the Gunpowder Plot and how it has led to the tradition of Bonfire Night. This will give us the opportunity to explore timelines in History and produce extremely colourful artwork in our Art sessions.



# Year 2 Learning Themes

## English:

To begin with, we will be developing the key skills we learnt in Year 1. We will apply our writing skills to a range of purposes including poetry, explanations, recounts and creative stories. We will be extending our writing with a range of conjunctions (and, but, because) as well as making our writing more interesting with a range of exciting vocabulary (adjectives and adverbs). In addition, we will be preparing for the national Year 2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling assessment (SPaG). This will see us explore a range of spelling rules including plurals, the use of the past tense and word classes (nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs).



## Mathematics:

We will be focussing on our understanding of number and place value, using this to develop our strategies in the addition and subtraction of larger numbers. We will also be developing our understanding of multiplication as repeated addition and how this can support our learning of 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables. This learning will be applied to problem solving and reasoning in order to develop our maths in real life situations.



## Supporting your Child at Home:

All of our learning in school can be further supported at home. Practising key skills and recalling facts, little and often, can be done in a fun way by accessing a range of games and apps:

<http://www.ictgames.com/> (for Maths and English)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=40> (SPaG)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p> (English and Maths tabs)



## Daily Mile

We have launched a new whole-school incentive called the 'Daily Mile' to challenge the children to keep active and stay healthy. The children are able to complete their mile at their own pace, but there is always a bit of healthy competition to spur them on. In order to take part, your child will need to have their trainers in school every day. When the weather gets wetter, wellington boots may be necessary to change into. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Points of Contact

Please pass on any important messages to staff at the door in the morning.

At home time, you can speak to your class teacher in the first instance but if you require further information please speak to the Year Group Leader Miss J Wells.

Miss L Millum, our Key Stage Leader, can also assist in urgent matters.

