



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Year 2! It has been lovely to meet all of the children and we are very impressed with how quickly they have settled back into school life and adapted to their new classrooms and teachers.

With this newsletter you will find a theme overview for this first half of the Autumn Term, detailing our learning objectives. Our theme is 'My world' this half term. We have English and maths lessons each day as well as daily phonics. We will also teach science each week and have a focus on Geography this half term. In our PSHE lesson we will be thinking about Families & Friendships and Belonging to a community.

Our PE days this year are **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please note, Wednesday's PE is outdoors and will be weather dependant. Children should arrive at school in their PE kit on these days please. As the weather gets cooler the children are welcome to wear navy jogging bottoms or tracksuit.

PPA is on a Tuesday and some children will go on Out and About. The list for Out and About will be in the newsletter every other Friday and you will receive a text if your child is in this group. Our PPA is led by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Cox and Mrs Riches. Your child may be doing Art, Computing, Music or going Out and About.

We will give spellings to all children on Mondays to practise during the week, and they will be tested on Fridays. Please encourage your child to practise often, every day if possible, to help them retain new words and spelling patterns.

Maths challenge books will be sent home every Friday. Please bring them back into school by the following Thursday.

One of the most effective ways you can support your child's learning is through their reading. Reading is so very important to children's learning and progress and we are keen to send reading books home with children. All children should have brought a reading book home. Please continue to hear your children read daily or read to them for 10 minutes. We ask that they read a book 3 times (unless reading longer, chapter books) before returning it for a new one. You will find ways to support your child with their reading in the front of their reading diaries. During the year we will be talking to the children about how to be successful and responsible readers in class. Read, read, read is our motto!

We would ask that all children have a named water bottle. They will have a fruit snack provided each morning. Thank you for your support, if you have any queries or would like to discuss your child's learning please contact the office and we will be happy to arrange an appointment. We are looking forward to a fun and successful year!

Yours sincerely,

The year 2 team

2KA - Mrs Arnell, Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Rowsell

2KG - Ms Gibbins, Mrs Cox, Miss Brett and Mrs Hill



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