



Guru Nanak Sikh Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 2 Autumn Curriculum

We hope you had a lovely Summer holiday. We know the pupils certainly deserved a break after all their hard work last academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate pupils for their success in their phonics screening test, it was a fantastic achievement for them and the skills they learnt will continue to serve them well as they embark upon year 2. Please find below some information regarding what your child will be learning this term in addition to other important information.

Curriculum coverage

In literacy, pupils will be reading *I want my hat back* by Jon Klassen in our narrative units and writing their own stories using those popular texts as their stimulus. Later in the term, we will look at the features of acrostic poems in addition to newspaper reports in our non-fiction unit. We will also have a strong focus on basic writing skills including capital letters and full stops, writing in the cursive style and using words types such as adjectives and would appreciate reinforcement at home in these areas.

In maths pupils will learn to understanding the value of numbers, e.g. understanding that in the number 36 the number 3 represents 30. A strong foundation in place value is necessary for pupils to thrive in maths throughout the year as we progress to learning more complex strategies to solve problems. Pupils will also learn about measuring length and width using centimeters in addition to developing strategies to solve basic arithmetic questions in the areas of addition and subtraction.

For your information and so that you can help and support your child at home, please visit our school website to find access to the Year 2 **Curriculum map** for the first two half terms.

Routines

- Homework will be given every **Friday**. It is due back on **Wednesday** and must be completed in full. We encourage parents to help their children with homework and ensure they are completing it to a high standard.
- Reading books will be given every **Friday**. They are due back on **Wednesday**. **Please ensure you have signed/ticked the reading record so that your child can receive a new book to take home on Friday.**
- Spellings will be given on **Friday**. A spelling test will take place every **Thursday**.

Important Information

- The school day commences at 8:15am. Please ensure your child's timely arrival at school every morning.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform. We'd like to emphasise that trainers are not allowed- your child must wear smart black shoes.
- Please ensure all items of your child's uniform and P.E kit are labelled with their name. This will help re-locate any missing items in the event that an item goes missing.
- Please provide your child with a water bottle which they must bring to school every day.

After School Learning - 3.15pm to 4.15pm

This year we are further developing our After School Club provision; as with last year all correspondence for clubs will be sent out via email and payment will be taken through School Comms. Therefore, if you would like your child to have the opportunity to participate in our growing range of after school clubs; please ensure your details are up to date with the school office and that the School Comms App is working on your device.

Parent Partnerships

We would encourage you to regularly engage with our website, it contains information around our curriculum and provides additional guidance such as '*Healthy Home Habits*' and '*The Importance of Reading*' in addition to guidance about e-safety. Videos and resources are saved on the website under the '*Parents*' section and we would highly encourage you to watch these and to access the associated resources on the website.

We will also be starting our Family Reading afternoons again; this will take place every Thursday from **Thursday 22nd September** onwards, 2.50pm-3.10pm. We would love for you to join your child every week to read with them in school. Due to space, we would request that this is limited to one family member per child.

We look forward to a productive and successful year with your support and feedback. Please feel free to speak to your class teacher should you have any queries and please note we will be having a parent welcome meeting on **Friday 23rd September at 8:30am in the hub (the old nursery)**.. We hope to see you there.

Yours faithfully

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