

Spring Edition

January 2022

Dear Families,
Happy New Year! On behalf of The Year 2 Team at Castilion Primary School we are happy to welcome you back and hope you have had a wonderful and restful break! We are looking forward to continuing a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve the highest potential. As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. There are lots of exciting opportunities and changes for our children this year, our plan is to aim high and work closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.
The Year 2 Team

Calendar dates:

Inset day 10th February

**End of Term
Thursday 9th February**

**Half Term
Monday 13th - Friday 17th
February**

**School starts again
Monday 20th February**

**Easter Break
3rd April - 16th April**

**School starts again
Monday 17th April**



Subject Coverage

English: Suffixes, expanded noun phrases and setting descriptions. We will look at and write our own diary entry.

Maths: We will be studying multiplication and division followed by fractions of a number, shape and amount.

Times Tables: 2s.

Guided Reading: Unfamiliar words and discussing word meaning with the use of dictionaries.

Science: Animals Including Humans – Offspring, life cycles, diet and exercise.

History: Exploring significant places- comparing Thamesmead and Greenwich.

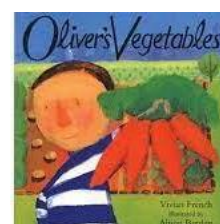
Geography: Around the world.

Art: Printing- Orla Kiely.

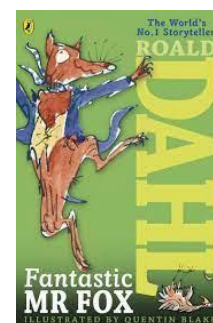
PSHE: Dreams and Goals- discussing strengths and perseverance. Learning to work as a team to achieve a goal.

ICT: Questioning- Pictograms and Binary Trees.

RE: Christians and Muslims- Celebrations.



Please discuss these texts with your child to support their learning this term.



Upcoming Events in Year 2

Trips this term

London Fire Brigade Visiting School

Please let us know if you are available to help on class trips this term.

Assemblies

**KS1 Rights Respecting School assembly
Monday mornings**

**KS1 singing assembly
Wednesday mornings**



Home and school partnership

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Arrive at school on time, the gates open at 8.50am. Registration is at 9.00am.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and literacy skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Cakir

Staff in Year 2:

Mrs Whittaker
Mrs Cakir
Mrs Owens-Bray
Mrs Sealey
Mrs Omigie
Miss Watson-Jones



Mrs Whittaker



Mrs Cakir

Attendance and Punctuality

*Do encourage your child to come to school every day unless they are really ill.
Every day off means 8 missed lessons! Remember frequent absences can seriously hinder your child's education. Arriving in school on time is also vital, as lessons start at 9am prompt!!*

Reading Books

Reading for pleasure:
Books will be changed twice weekly.

Phonics book:
Changed every Monday.

Belongings and PE

Please make sure that your child's belongings (uniform, PE kit, lunch box) are clearly marked with their name, and are brought to school every day.

Tuesday- outdoor- foot skills

Friday- indoor- dance

UNIFORM REMINDER

- Children are not permitted to wear clothing that has Logos on it (this includes fashionable brand names or strips).
- Children are no longer required to wear white shirts, they can now wear white polo tops. Children can continue to wear the shirts they have until they are ready to be replaced.
- Children are no longer required to wear ties.

All children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the following principles:

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the children in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- Impacts positively on attitudes to learning

Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items of school uniform, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey trousers ▪ Grey shorts in the summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers ▪ Green & white check dress in the summer ▪ Grey shorts in the summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White polo shirt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White/grey socks/tights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt

Black school shoes

No trainers or the equivalent

Children are not allowed to wear boots

Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.
Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year

PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons

Indoor PE:	Outdoor PE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Bare feet ▪ Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black shorts ▪ White T-Shirt ▪ Black plimsolls or training shoes ▪ Socks ONLY - No tights

In colder weather (the following is allowed):

- Children may wear a green fleece (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit top / fleece / hoodie with black jogging bottoms over their shorts and t shirt.

Water Bottles	Jewellery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please either purchase a Castilion Water bottle from the school office or provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For health and safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has already had his/her ears pierced, they may only wear plain studs, with no stones.

Watches

- Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.

Hair

- Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted.
- Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.
- Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green)
- Nail varnish and make-up MUST NOT be worn.

Nut Free School

As we have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School' If your child has a nut allergy could you please inform our Senior Administrator Ms N Walford via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



*Please record all daily reading in the children's reading record books.
Teachers will be checking these and signing them weekly.*

Reading records and reading books should be brought to school every day to support progress.

Don't forget to give your child a bottle of water to bring to school every day.

Thank you for your support.