

Autumn Edition

September 2023

Dear Families,

The Year 2 Team at Castilion Primary School welcome you to the 2022 – 2023 school year. We hope you have had a wonderful and restful summer! We are looking forward to 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:

Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings:
Tuesday 17th October and
Thursday 19th October

October Half Term
Monday 23rd October
- Friday 27th October

School starts for children
Monday 30th October

End of Term
Thursday 21st December –
1.40pm finish



Subject Coverage

English: This term we will be reading Goldilocks, Jim and the Beanstalk, The Journey Home and We Are Water Protectors.

Maths: Number, place value, addition and subtraction and shape.

Times Tables: 10 and 5.

Guided Reading: Titles, predictions, retelling stories, answering questions and identifying word classes.

Science: Animal's needs for survival.

History: Bonfire Night and The Great Fire of London.

Geography: Weather and Seasons.

Art: Explore and Draw.

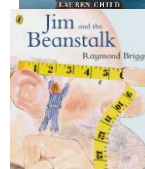
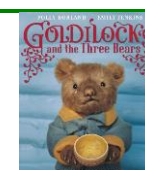
DT: Puppets.

PSHE: Being Me In My World and Celebrating Differences.

ICT: Online safety, effective searching, making music and spreadsheets

RE: Who is a Muslim and what do they believe? What can we learn from sacred books?

Music: Pulse, rhythm and pitch, playing in an orchestra.



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



Upcoming Events in Year 2

Trips this term

To Be Confirmed

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 8.40am. Registration is at 8.50am. After 8.50am children must enter through the office and will receive a late mark.
- 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 Mr Allen

Staff in Year 2:

Mrs Whittaker

Mr Allen

Mrs Sealey

Ms Locke



Mrs Whittaker



Mr Allen

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.

Read Write Inc Phonics- Books will be 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.

Thursday- outdoor- dodging and ball skills

Friday- indoor- dance and gymnastics

UNIFORM PROCEDURES

Wear your Castilion School uniform with pride.

- 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Black school shoes▪ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i>▪ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.</i> Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year</p>	
<p>PE - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons</p>	
Indoor 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)	Outdoor PE: <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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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 PE kit.	
Water Bottles <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Please provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle	Jewellery <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.	
Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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).▪ 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.

Bookbags

Children need a green, flat book bag – no backpacks please. These should be clearly named on the outside. School book bags are available on the Mapac website:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa>

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 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.