

## Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year and to life in Year 2! Firstly, thank you for all of the wonderful homework projects which have been brought in. We can see that the children have worked very hard and they will have a chance to share these projects with the class over the coming days.

Overleaf you will find a theme overview for this first half of the Autumn Term. Our theme is 'Food for Thought' and our SEAL theme is 'New Beginnings'. Please note that there is a family homework project this Half Term. You will find the details at the bottom of the overview.

This year our PE day is **Friday**, although we do ask that PE kits are in school every day so we can take advantage of the good weather at other times during the week. We also ask that your child has a named water bottle at school so they can keep hydrated and that these are taken home daily to be washed or replaced.

Our PPA activities afternoon is on Wednesdays, led by Mrs Edgerton, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Webb, Mrs Hiscock Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Cox.

Your child's book bag will have an individual home reader in it, although other books will be read in guided sessions, too. We ask that children have the chance to read daily to someone - and be read to, at home and the record is signed. We do ask that each book is read 3 times before being exchanged. The  $1^{st}$  read is to become familiar with the vocabulary. The  $2^{nd}$  time is to focus on comprehension and discussion about the text and the  $3^{rd}$  time is to enable the child to develop fluency and expression. There is a box in the classroom for children to put books in when they need to be changed.

For each day that an adult signs the reading record to show their child has read, the child will get a sticker for the class home-reading chart. At the end of each Half Term the stickers will be exchanged for raffle tickets and there will be a class draw with reading books as prizes.

Children will have the opportunity to choose and change their school library books during timetabled PPA library sessions.

Spellings will be given out on Mondays in 2KA and Fridays in 2BG for children to practise at home, with a weekly spelling test on the following Friday. The Maths Challenge will be set on a Friday and needs to be in on the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fun and productive year! Yours sincerely,

The year 2 team - 2KA - Mrs Arnell, Mrs Cox and Miss Dawkins 2BG - Mrs Billington, Mrs Gibbins and Mrs Bradbury











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