

## Year 2 Information for Parents

Welcome to Year 2 and a new school year. We hope you have had a lovely break and that this information will help you to support your child. If at any point you would like to come and speak to one of us please do not hesitate and remember you can email us using [apple@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:apple@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk) or [oak@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:oak@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk).

We want the children to feel happy and safe as we believe they will learn well when they feel this way. For this reason, we want to work as a team with you so that every child can reach their potential.

### **Drinks bottle**

Please can your child bring in a water bottle. Research has shown that drinking water throughout the day is beneficial in helping the children be alert and ready to learn. Although we have cups in school, it is better for your child to have their own bottle.



### **PE**

**Oak class:** Monday and Wednesday

**Apple class:** Wednesday and Thursday

We ask the children to come into school in their PE kit when it is their designated PE day. This could be black shorts and as the weather changes then they could wear jogging bottoms or leggings which can be worn with their PE t-shirt and their school jumper. They can also come in their pumps or trainers. Please make sure the footwear is appropriate for physical activities.

### **Homework**

- **Reading**

Your child will bring home a book that is appropriate for their reading ability. We will assess them regularly and their colour bands will be changed accordingly. We will also send a reading diary for you to record the number of reads your child completes each week. Both your child's colour reading book and reading diary will be collected on **Mondays and Fridays** so that we can track when reading certificates have been achieved. **As a school, we recommend hearing your child read 4 times a week as a minimum.**

- **Maths**

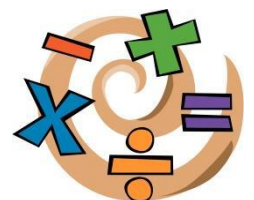
As a school we subscribe to Numbots as a way to practise key number facts. We would encourage your child to practise these at least 2x a week. Alternatively, your child may prefer to practice their facts through the following websites/apps:

White Rose 1 minute app

Top Marks KS1 Maths

### **Phonics**

If your child is continuing to learn their phonics, they will have a daily phonics lesson as normal and weekly phonics videos will be emailed to you so they can embed this learning at home. If your child has completed the phonics scheme, they will be part of a daily comprehension group.



## **Spellings**

The children learn to spell the common exception words through their Phonics lessons and apply them in their everyday learning. Your child will be working towards learning many of these words by the end of Year 2.

## **Parental Consents**

When your child starts at St Margaret's Academy we seek consent for:

Use of images

Marketing

Trips

ICT user

Medical

Each year we will inform you of your consent preferences with the annual data collection. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. If you would like to change your consent, you must submit your request in writing to [adminteam@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:adminteam@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk)

Thank you for your ongoing support, we really do appreciate all that you are doing to help us and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

The Year 2 Team