

# Year 2 Autumn News



Welcome back! We have had a great start to Year 2 and are looking forward to lots of fun and hard work this term. We look forward to meeting you at Meet the Teacher next week on Thursday straight after school.

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Treacher and Mrs Howard

## This term your child will be learning about:

**Science** – ‘Living Things- Habitats’ and ‘Living things- Microhabitats’

**History** – The Great Fire of London

**Geography** – Seasons

**Art** – Self-portraits

**Music** – Exploring simple patterns and Focus on dynamics and tempo

**RE** – ‘How and why do we celebrate significant times?’ and ‘What can we learn from sacred books and stories?’

**Computing** – Coding, online safety and spreadsheets

**PE and Games** – Ball skills, invasions, gymnastics and fitness

**PSHE** – Families and relationships

There are several websites you and your child can use for Science, History, Phonics and other topics:–

BBC bitesize - [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1)



We have a school login for *Espresso*, which offers a wide range of resources to support your child.

**Login:** student4386

**Password:** gothic



All children also have the login details for *Purple Mash* which has a whole range of curriculum resources.



We also have a school login for *Phonics Play*. This has many fun games to help your child with their reading and recognition of sounds. Please focus on Phase 3 and 5 sounds.

**Login:** gma123

**Password:** arlesey123



We use *Letter-Join* in school to teach handwriting. Your child can use this at home on a computer or tablet.

**Login:** gothic

**Password:** mede

**Tablet access – Login:** gothic

**Swipe code:** A capital ‘L’ starting top left

We would ask that you encourage your child to use these at home during any ‘computer-time’ available.

## Reading

At Gothic Mede we expect each child in key stage 1 to read on a daily basis at home. Children should be reading their book at least four times throughout the week to develop fluency and comprehension skills. Year 2’s books will be changed every **Wednesday**. Regular reading at home is one of the best ways to help your child develop. Reading diaries should be signed by an adult; a child can read alternative books to their home reading book – please record the title in their reading record. Your child will be heard reading in school in a variety of different ways: 1:1, class guided reading and during other classroom opportunities.

### **PE Days**

Year 2 have PE on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. As it gets colder your child will need to wear navy tracksuit bottoms, their PE t-shirt and their GMA jumper / cardigan as the children go outside throughout the winter months. Please remove earrings, if that is possible on PE days, or provide your child with tape (micropore is available from most supermarkets and chemists) as earrings must be covered.

### **Library**

Maple and Willow visit the library every other **Tuesday** afternoon. Please ensure your child returns their book on library days to either be changed or renewed.

### **Homework**

Your child will receive **weekly spellings** (sent out on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday) and **fortnightly Maths** homework (sent out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday of the second week). A copy of the calculation policy can be found in your child's maths homework folder. This outlines the strategies that we follow. A full version of our calculation policy can be accessed here:

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1273&type=pdf>

This outlines the different representations used to support your child in their learning.

We would also encourage you to support your child to learn their **2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables**.

Your child will also receive a **Star Challenge** every term. These have clear success criteria but we encourage the children to be creative with how they choose to present their work!