

# YEAR TWO

## Welcome to Year 2

A big welcome back to school from myself, Miss Allan. I know there will be a lot of different emotions flying around by both children and parents, we may have a mixture of some anxious tummies or some excited tummies however rest assured we are all here to support and help your children's return to school after their summer break. I cannot tell you how overjoyed I am to have your children in my Year 2 class this year! I have had lots of chats with Miss Hall, so I already know how hardworking and brilliant they are!

I, and the children, are very happy to have the amazing Mrs Sheldon in our Year 2 team this year! I know she is just as excited as I am to have this class. Also, we are extra lucky to have another pair of hands in our classroom this year, as I introduce our new school apprentice, Miss Varley who will be joining our year 2 team. Please feel free to contact our class email if you have any questions or queries which will be answered during school hours.

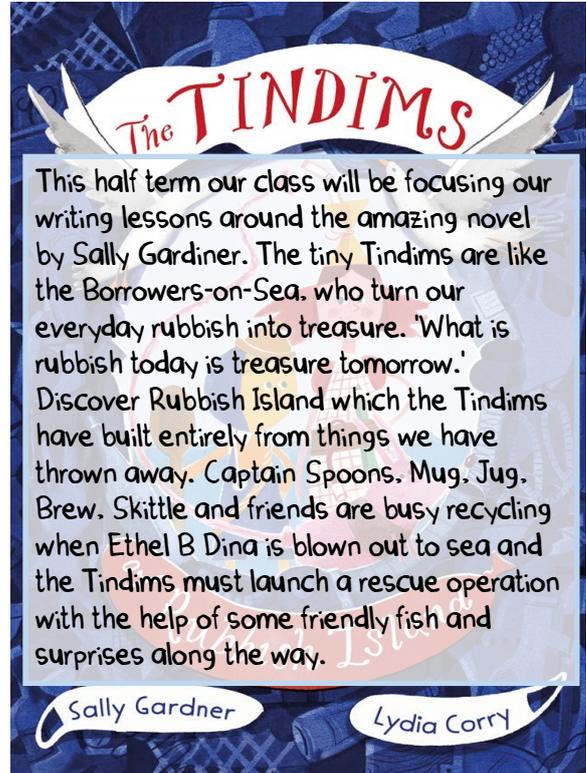
### History through the decades!

This half term in History, we will be travelling back in time to compare what life was like in the 1950s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s in comparison to our lives now. We will look how life has rapidly changed over a short space of time by exploring technology, fashion, music, transport and many more! This is a lovely opportunity for families to chat about what life was like in the past for certain family members which the children can share to others during these lessons! If you have any artefacts at home from these time periods that your child would like to bring into school then we would LOVE to see them!

#### Home Reading Books

Similarly to last year, during this half term the children will receive either, two read, write, inc books or one class reading book depending if your child has completed our RWI programme in school. These books are your child's home reading book and should be read to you or read aloud to someone else. Every week your child will receive one dream read that is there for you to enjoy and read to your child at home.

Just as a reminder, could you please return any reading books from last year ASAP.



This half term our class will be focusing our writing lessons around the amazing novel by Sally Gardner. The tiny Tindims are like the Borrowers-on-Sea, who turn our everyday rubbish into treasure. 'What is rubbish today is treasure tomorrow.' Discover Rubbish Island which the Tindims have built entirely from things we have thrown away. Captain Spoons, Mug, Jug, Brew, Skittle and friends are busy recycling when Ethel B Dina is blown out to sea and the Tindims must launch a rescue operation with the help of some friendly fish and surprises along the way.

Sally Gardner

Lydia Corry

#### Pencil Cases

In Year 2 children are provided their own special pencil case which will include all equipment that they will need in class.

#### Writing with pen

In year 2, the children are able to earn a Pen License when we feel that their handwriting is ready for one. This will also be provided in school.

Time	Lesson
8:40-8:55am	Flexible entry to school
8:55-9:00am	Registration
9:00-9:50am	Phonics/Reading
9:50-10:40am	Writing
10:40-10:55am	Assembly
10:55-11:10am	Playtime
11:10-11:40am	Love Reading
11:40-12:30pm	Maths
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch in hall
1:00-1:30pm	Lunchtime playtime
1:30-3:30pm	Afternoon lesson/s

What will our day look like?

Here is a copy of our daily timetable for your children's return to school.

### School Uniform and PE

As Friday will be our day for PE, we ask that you send your child into school dressed in their PE kit on that day. Furthermore we ask that your child wears practical shoes everyday as we will be encouraging active playtimes. As always, can you please ensure that all of your child's clothing and equipment (bags and water bottles) have their names on.

**FEELING INDEPENDENT?** We have a big push on independence in Year 2, therefore pupils will be able to earn **INDEPENDENT POINTS** for showing independent behaviour in and around the classroom. The child at the end of the week with the most independent points will be able to bring a very **SPECIAL GUEST** home for the weekend

**OUR READING REWARD!** When children have read 4x per week, your child will receive 2 reading points! In addition, Doc reading points will also be given in school for showing Love for Reading! Points will be given for, having an excellent attitude during phonics and reading lessons, showing enjoyment towards books and authors, discussing books that they enjoy and/or are reading at home and many more! If your child has the most reading points by the end of the week, they will be able to take Doc the Reading Dwarf home on Friday. Love for reading is so important in our class and therefore, we ask that you please encourage children to read as much as possible at home (without enforcing!) Please feel free for your child to read any books/magazines etc from home as well as their school reading books.

## The Rights of the Reader

by Daniel Pennac  
illustrated by Quentin Blake



1 The right not to read.



2 The right to skip.



3 The right not to finish a book.



4 The right to read it again.



5 The right to read anything.



6 The right to mistake a book for real life.



7 The right to read anywhere.



8 The right to dip in.



9 The right to read out loud.



10 The right to be quiet.

10 rights - 1 warning  
Don't make fun of people who don't read - or they won't.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT