Welcome, Parents of Year 2 Pupils.

Important Dates for Autumn Term:

Stay and Play – Tuesday 6th October 2026

Class Assembly – Thursday 15th October 2026

Stay and Play – Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Stay and Play - Tuesday 1st December 2026

Timetable

	8.30-9.00	9.00-9.20	9.20-9.40	9.40-10.40	10.40-10.55	11.00-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-2.00	2.00-2.15	2.15-3.00	3.00- 3:15
Monday	Handwriting	Assembly	Phonics	English	Break	Maths	Lunchtime	Geography	Afternoon break	Computing	Story/Home
Tuesday	Handwriting		Phonics	Guided Reading Trampolining		Guided Reading Library Trampolining		RE Mrs Barros		Music Mrs Barros	
Wednesday	Handwriting /Times Tables Test	Phonics	Singing Assembly	English		Maths		PE Outdoor		Art	
Thursday	Handwriting	Assembly	Phonics	English		Maths		Science (PPA) Mrs Thorn		Science (PPA) Mrs Thorn	
Friday	Handwriting		Spelling Test	English		Maths		RSHE/Spanish		Golden Time	

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topics	Polar Explorers		Galapagos/Kenya	Fire Fire!	One small step for man!	Marvellous Maps
Special Events	Harvest Bonfire Night Diwali Remembrance Day Christmas		Chinese New Year Mothers' Day Easter		Father's Day Sports Day St Meryl's Got Talent	
History		Polar Explorers	Rosa Parks	The Great Fire of London	First Moon Landing and Neil Armstrong	
Geography	Polar Regions - Antarctica and Arctic		Galapagos/Kenya			Marvellous Maps
Science	Living things and their habitats	Everyday Materials	Plants	Animals including humans	Animals including humans	Healthy Living and Survival
D.T		Puppets (sewing) Design		Vehicles/Wheels and Axles - Fire engines		Preparing Fruit/Vegetables
Art & Design	Drawing/Painting		Sculptures		Printing	
PE	Multi-Skills Trampolining	Multi-Skills Trampolining	Multi-Skills Trampolining	Multi-Skills Trampolining	Athletics Trampolining	Athletics Trampolining

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Music	Charanga Scheme of Music/Singing Assemblies					
Maths	Herts Essential Maths Planning **2LS1-2LS8**	Herts Essential Maths Planning **2LS9-2LS13**	Herts Essential Maths Planning **2LS14-2LS22**	Herts Essential Maths Planning **2LS23-2LS27**	Herts Essential Maths Planning **2LS28-2LS34**	Herts Essential Maths Planning **2LS35-2LS41**
English	**Narrative**– Frog and the Stranger **Instructions**– How to Make Friends with a Ghost **Poetry: List poems–** The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems **Narrative** – Last Stop on Market Street **Letters/postcards** – Dragon Post		**Narrative** – Rapunzel **Non-Chronological Report** – Big Blue Whale **Narrative –** Julian is a Mermaid/Splash, Anna Hibiscus **Poetry: Free Verse & Simile -** The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems		**Narrative –** The Lost Homework **Instructions** – How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth **Recount** – Here I Am **Narrative** – Super Joe Does not do Cuddles/Traction Man **Poetry: Take One Poet –** Belonging Street	
Computing	Route Explorers The Internet Creating Pictures		Spreadsheets Questioning		Coding Presenting Ideas Making Music	
PSHE	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
RE	Churches and Cathedrals Jewish Stories		Christianity in Art New Beginnings		The life of Prophet Muhammed Creation	
Spanish	Greetings	What's your name	Useful Phrases	How are you How old are you	Colours of the rainbow	Minibeasts

Uniform Reminders

Reception to Year 6 Pupils
Grey Trousers, Grey Shorts, Grey Skirt or Grey Pinafore Blue Shirt or Blue Polo Shirt* Maroon Fleece, Jumper or Cardigan* Grey, Black or White Socks/ Grey tights Black Shoes *These are available to purchase with the St Meryl logo on them
Optional Uniform – during warmer weather
Blue & White Gingham Dress with white Socks

- Nail varnish and make-up may not be worn and must be removed if worn, Fingernails must be cut to an appropriate length, and false nails may not be worn.
- If earrings are worn, they must be studs which must be removed or taped over for P.E. and swimming (parents must provide tape)
- No other jewellery is permitted.
- The school respects cultural dress and the uniform may be modified accordingly in consultation with the Head Teacher.

P.E/Games

Our P.E days are **Tuesday(Trampolining)** and **Wednesday**

Maroon Shorts

Light Blue St Meryl or plain light blue t-Shirt*

White Socks

Trainers/plimsols

One-piece swimming costume or trunks, a towel and a swimming hat are required for swimming lessons**

For the colder months:

Maroon Tracksuit Bottoms

Maroon fleece or maroon sweatshirt*

*These are available to purchase with the St Meryl logo on them

**A letter to the Class Teacher is required if a child is unable to participate in P.E. or swimming lessons

Long hair must be tied back and jewellery removed, earrings can be covered with tape.

Trampolining

Children can come to school in their trampolining clothes. Please ensure your child can put their shoes on themselves – **NO LACES** unless they are able to tie them themselves.

Clothes should not be loose or baggy and should not have any zips, ribbons, bows etc on them.

They will need:

- **Long** sleeved top
- Full length trousers/joggers/leggings – **NO DENIM**
- Socks

All hair should be tied back and jewellery removed or taped up. *(Including religious jewellery).*

Homework

- Spellings
- Reading minimum 3x per week
- 10 minutes daily TTRS
- 1 piece of English or Maths

Homework will be printed and sent home in an orange folder. The answers will be provided on google classrooms each week. If you need your log in for google classrooms please see me at the end.

Homework will be set **every Friday**, and is due in **the following Wednesday.** Spellings will be given out every **Friday** and tested the following **Friday.**

Please ensure Spelling book and Homework Folder are in school each Friday.

Reading

Children are expected to read at home with an adult at least three times a week. **Your child should be bringing home their reading record** each day in which you can write comments about their reading. We find these books are a good way of keeping the communication going between you and us.

Children who read at least 3 times every week will be mentioned as a star reader in the newsletter. Reading records will be checked and books changed on a Tuesday.

By the end of Year 2 children should be reading gold/white level books.

Library Day - Tuesday



TTRS – Times table Rockstars

Children should be completing this on their own.

They will start off tricky but they get easier as the algorithm gets to know them. If you are helping them with the answers the algorithm will not be able to learn which ones they can do independently.

We will complete paper assessments regularly and compare these to the results on TTRS.

SATs

Are non-statutory. This means schools can decide whether the children need to sit them.

There are 4 papers:

- Reading (2 papers)
- Maths (2 papers)
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (2 papers)

All assessment are due to take place in May.

SATs scores are used in conjunction with teacher assessment throughout the year to give an overall result.

SATs will not be reported, only the teacher assessment.

Any questions?



Thank you very much!.