

Aston Clinton School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We are delighted to welcome your child and look forward to supporting them through this important final year of Key Stage 1.

Year 2 is a year of growing confidence, independence and responsibility as children prepare for the transition into Key Stage 2. Throughout the year, pupils are encouraged to become increasingly reflective, resilient and enthusiastic learners whilst continuing to develop the skills and values that will support them throughout their school journey.

As part of our Great Citizen programme, Year 2 pupils continue their development as active and responsible members of their community. Through learning about wellbeing, diversity, healthy relationships and citizenship, children begin to understand how their actions can positively influence the people and world around them. Through their Aston Passports, pupils are encouraged to set goals, contribute to group decision-making and recognise the importance of helping others within their family and wider community.

The Year 2 curriculum is enriched through a wide range of memorable experiences designed to broaden children's horizons and bring learning to life. Throughout the year, pupils will learn about significant individuals including Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Marie Curie, whilst also exploring the importance of the Windrush generation and developing their understanding of sustainability and climate change. Alongside classroom learning, children enjoy experiences such as: **World Book Day, author visits, orchestra performances, class assemblies and educational visits**, helping them develop curiosity, creativity and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

At Aston Clinton School, we are proud to be a **smartphone-free school**. Whilst we teach children to be responsible digital citizens, we believe that childhood should be filled with opportunities to explore, investigate, create and connect with others beyond a screen. Through our Aston Passports, Outdoor



Learning programme and enrichment opportunities, children are encouraged to engage actively with the world around them, developing confidence, resilience and a love of learning through real-life experiences.

Our approach to behaviour and personal development is rooted in belonging, relationships and emotional wellbeing. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, valued and understood. Throughout the year, pupils continue to develop key life skills through our whole-school personal development themes:

- **Autumn 1:** Aiming High
- **Autumn 2:** Speaking and Listening
- **Spring 1:** Teamwork
- **Spring 2:** Others
- **Summer 1:** Nurture
- **Summer 2:** Changes

These themes help children develop ambition, communication skills, empathy, resilience and self-regulation whilst supporting them to become confident learners and positive members of the school community. During the summer term, we place a particular emphasis on preparing pupils for the transition to Key Stage 2. Through visits, discussions, opportunities to meet their new teacher and carefully planned transition activities, we help children approach Year 3 with confidence and excitement.

Year 2 is a year of growth, achievement and preparation for the next stage of learning. Through our Global Citizen Curriculum, Aston Passports, enrichment experiences and strong pastoral support, we aim to help every child develop the confidence to **Aspire**, the compassion to **Care** and the determination to **Succeed**.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and celebrating the many achievements and milestones that lie ahead.

Kind regards,

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