



17 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 2!

It has been wonderful meeting all of the children and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead. We would like to reassure you that the children's wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds as they make the transition to Year 2. Our aim over the coming weeks is to really get to know the children and to help them to feel comfortable, happy and relaxed in their new classrooms.

We understand that the children's year in year 1 was hugely disrupted and we are planning lessons that ensure they are catching up on things they have missed and are filling any gaps in their learning. We will continuously assess the children in order to ensure that their individual needs are met.

The children have formed a year group bubble. This means that they will be able to interact with children from the other Year 2 class, and they will be able to enjoy lunch and play times together. Throughout the day, we will be encouraging the children to wash and sanitise their hands and will be reinforcing the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' slogan when children cough and sneeze.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home however as we try to encourage independence in year 2 we expect the children to change their book as and when they need to. We will obviously give reminders and the opportunity throughout the day to do this. Phonics books will also be sent home week beginning 21st September. Please do try to listen to your child reading aloud each day.

Phonics lessons will take place within our Year 2 bubble. The children will be split into four groups, depending on where they are in our phonics scheme and books sent home according to their assessed level. Please bear in mind that they may be reading a colour book they have read previously, however is vital that they revise these to fill any gaps.

Writing

This term we will focus on:

- forming our letters correctly when writing and encouraging joined up handwriting
- spelling words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with letters
- writing simple sentences using a full stop, capital letter and other forms of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks.

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- numbers (counting, comparing and ordering to 100)
- place value
- addition and subtraction.

Computing

This term we will be learning about:

- E- Safety

Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on:

- Hinduism (Lifestyles and celebrations)
- Harvest (Why we are thankful)

Topic

We will be learning about:

- Animals (including humans) – Ourselves (**Science**)
- Famous People – (Da Vinci and The Wright Brothers) (**History and DT**)

PE

Year 2 will have PE on Thursday and Fridays. A reminder that the children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. Children will do PE in the trainers that they come to school in (there is no need to bring separate plimsolls).

Homework

Homework will be sent out in the form of a menu stuck into their homework books. The children are free to choose an activity or task to complete each week. Homework books are to be returned to school for marking and will be sent home within a few days to allow time for disinfecting and marking. In addition to this, we will also be testing the children on the spellings on the homework menu every Monday. We would also like to ask that you listen to your child read aloud each day.

End of day arrangements

If there are any changes to the person who is collecting your child, please ensure that you let us know. This can be done by emailing the school office or letting us know at drop off time.

Behaviour Management

We will continue to use the 'Sunshine, Rainbow, Rain Cloud' system in 2R that the children are familiar with from year 1 and will begin to introduce the Red and Yellow card system throughout the term. Children in 2M are using the Red and yellow card system immediately. Children will also be awarded Dojo points for making good choices, trying their best, or treating others with kindness and respect where they can earn prizes. Children can earn golden time as a class by working together, this will be up to 20 minutes on a Friday of free time.

Seesaw

You should have now received a QR code to sign up to Seesaw. We will use Seesaw to share information, reminders and photos of the children's learning. If you have difficulty linking to your child's account, please do let us know.

Kind regards,

Year 2 Team