



# Year 2 Welcome Meeting



# Introductions

- Teacher – Miss Florek
- Teaching Assistants – Miss Clark (Full Time) and Mrs Carlile (Mornings only)



# Year 2 Ethos

- In Year 2 our ethos is for learning to be fun, active, imaginative, challenging and inspiring and this incorporates a wide range of practical, outdoor, creative, play-based and online learning styles.
- The transition from Year 1 is well catered for and is a key focus after such a long time away.
- I have loved teaching Year 2 so far and can't wait for the year we have to come!
- The children are going to have a fantastic year!



# Calm School Code

This is consistently reinforced in school

- SPEAK NICELY
- LISTEN CAREFULLY
- ACT KINDLY
- MOVE CALMLY



# Rewards

We focus on promoting positive behaviour for learning and want to recognise all of the fantastic things the children do. The following are the reward systems we use in class.

## Daily

- House points
- Stickers and super work stampers

## Weekly

- Initially Classroom Celebration Assembly on Friday - House point winner and we have 2 stars of the week who receive a certificate. (When appropriate and safe we will return to having whole school celebration assemblies on a Friday.)
- Golden time



# Reading and Library

We love to read and promoting a love of reading is at the heart of our school, it underpins so many areas of learning and helps all children to access and develop so many other skills. We want to work closely with all of our families to ensure this continues at home. We want all of our children to engage and experience a wide range of texts including fiction, non fiction, newspapers, magazines, e-books etc.

- Reading books will be collected in on a **Monday** and they will be changed and we will return them on **Wednesday**. All books that are returned will be quarantined for a week.
  - The children only need to bring their book bags in on a **Monday** and we will keep them until **Wednesday** when we give back out the reading books.
  - The children will be read with at least twice a week – once during Guided Reading and they will have one additional reading slot.
  - Please support your child to read every night. Whilst many children are confident readers already, reading aloud is an important skill to practise and sharing books and stories, discussing characters, plots and facts are all important parts of developing a good understanding of reading as well as the technical skills, not to mention sharing books together is a lovely thing to do. Don't forget to read to your child too, this helps to model expression and listening to others reading is also a really fun and useful things to do.
  - It would be fantastic if you could record everyday you read in their reading records, especially at this unusual time, it is great to have that home/school contact. Remember 1 page per week.
- The homework book is also used as a reading scrapbook this year; use this to show any book reviews, drawings, pictures, trips or anything else they may have done related to the books they have been reading.
- Year 2 has a weekly library slot every Tuesday. Please bring library books back to school on a **Monday** and they will bring their new library book home on **Wednesday**.



# Gymnastics and PE

- Year 2 have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday.
- Please make sure children have labelled PE kits including their shoes. They need shorts, a t-shirt and plimsolls. The kit should stay in school.
- Please can they also have named tracksuit bottoms/ leggings for outside PE as much of our P.E. as possible is outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and has the correct kit at all times.
- No jewellery to be worn.
- Hair needs to be tied up.



# Medicinal information

- Medical forms – updated if necessary(asthma, allergies etc)
- Please fill in a medical form if your child needs regular medication or if it is a one off occurrence.
- Forms are available at the office.





# KS 1 SATS

During the week beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> May the children will take SATs in:

- Reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths.

SATs have to be carried out during May, but dates aren't set nationally; this is a school decision. Children are used to the routine of booklets and working in small groups – so there is no stress!



# How you can help.....

- Read with your child daily. Encourage reading range of texts – reading book, library, longer texts etc. Record reading in their reading records.
- Ask questions about the book they are reading and encourage them to read with expression.
- Homework book can also be used as a reading scrapbook. Anything you have read with your child can be added to this e.g. leaflets, magazines etc.
- Maths homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and is due to be handed in the following Monday.
- Topic optional homework grid.
- Practising quick recall of number facts, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s and then learning times tables multiplication and division facts.
- Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Learning Year 2 Common Exception Words.



# School Website

- Diary dates, calendar
- Year 2 page including Curriculum Overview
- Curriculum booklets
- Timetable
- Photos
- Newsletters
- Policies
- Staff and Governor information



# Additional information

- Named school uniform including shoes and plimsolls.
- Remember wellies to go on the school field.
- School allotment opportunity – letter will be sent out.
- Children asked to get letters out their own bags in Year 2 and handed to the teachers or we can collect them from you on the yard.
- Hand letters directly to a member of staff at the door.
- Coats for all weather.
- No toys to be brought into school.
- Names water bottles
- Any changes to normal pick up arrangements please inform us so we can note it down.



# Questions.....

- If there are any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ask any of the Year 2 team. It is very important to us that the children and their families in Year 2 feel supported and we maintain good communication at all times.

