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Year 2 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. I am so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new routines. They have been working hard and have returned to school with such positive attitudes. I am looking forward to working with you all to help your children have a fantastic year of learning in Year 2.

Please use this letter to find any important information for the start of the year. If you have anything else you would like to discuss then please do not hesitate to contact us.



Mrs Marrow



Mrs Hurst-Quellin



Mrs Wilkinson

Staff

Mrs Hurst-Quellin is the class teacher in Year 2. We also have Mrs Marrow working with us, as well as Mrs Wilkinson, who the children know well from their time in Year 1. If you have any messages for the class teacher and you are unable to pass on a message at the gate in the morning, please contact the school office or send a message through Class Dojo. Messages sent to Class Dojo will be responded to between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm, when it is convenient to do so.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning and we greatly value your support. Children will have weekly tasks of reading, spelling and times tables or work on number bonds.

The children will receive weekly spellings. These will consist of words we are practising through our Sounds-Write lessons and our Year 2 common exception (fast eyes) words. Our spelling test will be every Friday. Your child will receive a Spelling Book which will contain their new spellings at the front, and they will complete their weekly spelling tests at the back.

Your child will also be set Maths homework using Numbots, and later in the year Times Table Rock Stars. This will be followed by a maths quiz on Friday mornings. They will also receive number bonds and multiplication facts to learn, to support with their mathematical fluency.

Reading

To follow on from our Homework expectations, reading should be completed at home as often as possible. Please make sure you sign your child's reading record each time you read with them. Children will change their reading book when they are reading it fluently and with a good understanding. Your child will also bring home a book from our school library to read or share with you at bedtime. We will also be encouraging children to read a variety of books in school time via our classroom library and through beautiful books linked to our topics in class. Regular whole class reading lessons will be taught in class every week as well as dedicated story time.

Equipment/Resources needed

As well as book bags, please remember to send in your child's water bottle each day. We offer children the opportunity to refill bottles when they are empty and they are able to drink throughout the day.

Our **PE days** are **Tuesday and Friday**. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green shirt with our school badge, plain black joggers/leggings/shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie.

Please make sure that all clothing – cardigans, jumpers, hoodies, coats, hats etc – are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Lunches

If your child is opting for a school lunch then please order these online before the school day on MyEvolveHub. They can be ordered up to half a term in advance. Unfortunately, we cannot order dinners in school.

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break times. Please - no sweets, biscuits or crisps.

Payments

We use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about ParentPay.

Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, Mrs Crowder will be happy to help.

No holidays must be taken in term time.

Important Dates for Year 2

Tuesday 9th September – Meet the Teacher Evening at 6pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents evening from 1pm