

Wednesday 8th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Two!

I am so delighted to be teaching this lovely class again and am looking forward to unlocking their full potential. My priority this year is to ensure that all children leave Year 2 as confident readers and writers before the challenges of KS2 are upon them. They will of course receive their full curriculum entitlement but there will be lots of emphasis placed on mastering the basics too.

Learning times-tables will be a huge focus this year so please help your child to practise them at home. Children need to learn their tables by chanting then they should be able to answer random questions within 6 seconds. Our focus will be on 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In Year Two we also continue with **daily reading at home**. Your child should be reading for 5-10 minutes each day – don't forget to sign their reading record to show they have been reading as this will help them to work towards gaining their reading key.

Our PE day this term is Friday and I know most PE kits are in school. This term we will be doing dance and wall and ball games.

Other homework

Spelling – Every Monday, children will be given a few spellings to practise and learn before the following Monday. These will be done through Purple Mash and are based on spelling rules and common exception words for Year 2. Your child has their Purple Mash login details in their planner.

Maths - Every Friday, your child will receive their maths homework which needs to be completed before the following Wednesday. Again, this will be done on Purple Mash and there will be a strong focus on number and place value as well as times-tables.

Curriculum and well being

We will continue to ensure that our children are delivered a broad and balanced curriculum which includes all subject areas. Due to COVID 19 we will be maximising opportunities for the application and practice of English and Maths skills across the curriculum. During the first couple of weeks I will work closely with the children to make assessment of key learning, whilst monitoring pupil well-being. The curriculum has been designed to take account of the time spent at home and the differing experiences of each child. We are ready to support and nurture your children as we begin to get back in to the daily routines of school life.

Remote learning

We are prepared in the event that we have a local lockdown and will use Purple Mash and the school website for any learning during this time. If your child is isolating please

complete the homework activities for their year group and you can keep up to date with their class on the website.

Communication

We will continue to update the school website with our class news. Please remember to check your parent app regularly to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

As always, thank you for your support. I can't wait until we can have regular daily catch up's in the playground. In the meantime if you have any concerns just email me at the address below

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