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| Class Newsletter: Year 2 Parrots ClassDate: Wednesday 4th September 2024 |

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a warm ‘welcome back’ to you all and we hope you and the children had an enjoyable summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the Year 2 children back. We are excited about getting to know our new class and we have lots of plans and activities to make sure we have a very enjoyable year together!

Alongside this letter, you should receive a Topic Web which will detail all curriculum information, including what will be taught in each subject over the next term. Our first focus will be on The Poem ‘The sound collector’. The children will have the chance to create their own piece of artwork and write poems inspired by the author Roger McGough. Our Topic class text for the term will be ‘The Baker’s Boy’ by Tom and Tony Bradman. We will be kickstarting the year with a history topic all about The Great Fire of London. In writing we will reading the books ‘The Little Red and the very hungry Lion’ and ‘The man on the moon’ and we will be doing lots of book talk with different books. Our values for this term are ‘respect’ and ‘courage’. You can find out more about our topic through our Knowledge Organiser which should also have been sent to you.

Once the children are settled in, homework will be set each Friday to be handed in and marked the following Monday. It will be based on prior learning and used as a way of consolidating what the children have already been taught. Alongside this, the children will also have weekly spellings and should practice their times tables. It is also our expectation that the children read regularly at home; this should be recorded in the child’s Reading Record, which should be present in school each day.

It is important that our children wear the correct uniform and look smart at school. Please see our school uniform below. Our school uniform is as follows:

* Blue jumper
* White or blue polo shirt (with all buttons fastened)
* Black or grey shorts
* Black or grey skirt
* Blue summer dress
* Children are able to wear all black footwear.

PE will be taught on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons so children will need to make sure that they wear their PE kits into school on these days each week. Children should wear PE uniform only. Our school PE kit is:

* Black / blue tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts;
* White PE t-shirt
* Blue or black tracksuit top or school jumper.
* Trainers

Children will also need to bring in a refillable water bottle each day.

Finally, one last reminder that the children should arrive for school between the window of 8:30 and 8:35. The school day finishes at 3:25 (1:30 on Fridays).

All that’s left to say is that we are looking forward to welcoming the children back and we are very excited about the year ahead. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office or our email addresses below if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to have a chat or a meeting with you. If you want to keep up to date with our learning, follow our class page on Twitter @Parrots\_RCPS where we regularly post updates of what we have been up to.

Best wishes and looking forward to a great year ahead,

Miss Brown