

YEAR 2 INFORMATION MEETING

September 2020

WELCOME TO YEAR 2

- There are 2 classes in year 2, Coral and Sunshine. Mr McCraith is Sunshine class teacher and Mrs McCardell is Coral class teacher.
- For Maths and English we are joined by Miss Rayment.
- We are ably assisted by Miss Dearlove and Miss Choudhry and there are also some staff who work one to one with various children.
- P.S. – The children are settling back into school very well! We would like to thank you for your continued support!

HOW WE DO THINGS!

- **Groups** — the children grouped by ability into 3 groups for Maths and English. We do sometimes move the children after assessments. All groups follow the year 2 curriculum – but at different depths and speeds.
- **Homework** - we may send Maths and English work home - but this is NOT to be returned at the moment. Also we may put some things on Twitter
- **PE and Games** — no PE or games kits at the moment – the children do exercise daily.
- **Interventions** — this is catch up work. Once we have established what gaps there are the children will receive catch up sessions. We are concentrating on phonics at the moment. Please make sure your child knows their sounds (set 1 set 2 and set 3)
- **Independence!** Your child should be able to do their own shoes, zips and buttons!

S.A.T. S

- SATs testing usually takes place throughout May – at the moment we don't know whether this will be the case for 2021 – but we assume it will. Unless they are ill your child must be present in school during May – no holidays!
- Teacher Assessment – Even though there are test papers (2 maths and 2 reading ones) the results don't just go on these. Mrs McCardell, Miss Rayment and Mr McCraith will assess your child throughout the year and decide whether your child is national standard, working towards, pre- key stage or greater depth. MOST children will be national standard or working towards national standard.
- We will let you have further information on Sats and assessment later in the year and at parent's evenings

MATHS

- We want maths to be interesting, practical and fun. We do use worksheets but will also teach practical lessons with lots of equipment to help understanding.
- Number facts (fluency) we want all our children to know off by heart number facts (EG – bonds to 10 and 20 and 10s numbers to 100 and also 2, 5, and 10 x table)
- Reasoning, we do quite a lot of work on enabling the children to explain their mathematical ideas – and why certain calculations work and others don't.
- Home help – this is very important! We appreciate your help with number fact learning, telling the time and having a go at using different measures – e.g. – when baking.
- We encourage the children to use pictures and jottings to work out problems and calculations.
- How we teach calculation – please see the VCP (Visual Calculation Policy) on the website.

ENGLISH

- Reading – all children have got a reading book for use in school. Unfortunately we can't send these home at present. Please read and share as many stories and books as you can at home.
- Handwriting, - we practise this at school but please feel free to do some at home.
- Spelling, -each group will practise spellings in school and have a spelling test each week. These may sometimes be sent home/put on Twitter for extra practise.
- Writing – we use picture and story books to teach different types of writing.
- Phonics – as mentioned before we are concentrating Autumn term's catch up on making sure the children know their sounds. As they missed the year 1 phonics screening test in June, they will be screened just before Christmas.

OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS

- Maths and English are taught each day.
- We are also focussing on PSHE education (personal social health economic) every day at the moment.
- Our aim is for the children to have 30 minutes of physical activity each day.
- The children will experience other subjects like RE, art, science, history etc. through out the term – please see the parent booklet.

CONTACTING US

- We know these are unusual times – if you need to discuss your child's circumstances please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office.