

Year 2 – Class River

Welcome to Class River. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and can't wait to support you with your journey into Year 2. In Class River we have chosen ducks as our mascot. We are striving to:

- Stick together as a team by being kind and helpful and caring to others.
- Be compassionate by playing together, using kind words, and sharing.
- Be inquisitive by showing good listening and asking lots of questions.
- Share our emotions by listening to how we feel and asking each other how we feel.
- Be responsible by taking care of our belongings and checking our work independently.

PE	We have P.E on Thursday and Friday . Feel free to leave P.E kits in school and we will send them home for you every half term so you can wash them. In Year 2 we continue to encourage independence when changing in PE and, as you can imagine, this means that some items of clothing do go missing. It really helps us if PE kit is clearly named so that we can quickly sort out who it belongs to. Thank you for your support with this.
Art	This half term the children will be painting in Art. Please can you send in a painting apron or an old shirt or T-shirt. This will help us to protect school uniforms as much as possible. It will really help us if you could ensure that this item is named – thank you.
Texts/Letters	We always try to inform you of any changes or additions to our routines usually by way of text or by an electronic letter.
Homework	Your child will bring their reading books home daily and we ask that you read with them every day and write a comment/initial in their reading diary. Your child won't receive new books every day as it is really important that they read the same book several times to support their fluency and confidence. Spellings, handwriting and a short maths activity will be sent home every Friday and we will also send home a 'love of reading book.' This will be a book that your child is interested in reading but probably can't read on their own yet. Please can a grown up share this with them. Please can your child hand in their completed homework on a Wednesday.
Reading	We will read daily in our phonics sessions. We also have daily story time sessions where the teacher will read to the children. In these sessions we will answer questions and join in with repeated phrases. We will also visit our school library once a week as well as have other opportunities to read for pleasure in class. Once children have completed the phonics program they will have daily reading lessons. Please ensure that book bags, diaries and reading books are in school every day. Where possible please try and read your child's reading books with them daily and make a comment/initial in your child's diary. Little and often is key!
Achievements	We will have an achievement assembly every Monday to celebrate the successes of the previous week. In this assembly we will celebrate class attendance and select two 'stars of the week' from each class. These children will receive a certificate and will be celebrated in assembly. In Class River we will be demonstrating the value of ducks. Every Friday we will select a child who has demonstrated one of our values and they will receive a certificate.
Our class rainbow	The children have been focusing on the book 'Have you filled a bucket today' by Carol McCloud which discusses how we can use kind words to make our friends happy. Each day we pick a name out of a jar and write a compliment about that child, this focuses on what they are good at, what we like about them and why they are good friends. The children will write their compliments on a post-it note which I will place in a brown envelope and send home with the child for you and them to read!
Our classroom staff	This year we are really lucky to have Lisa Henderson and Jackie Dempsey helping us to grow and learn in year 2. They will be with us every day and are an incredibly important part of our class.

We hope that these notices are helpful, please come and see me if you're unsure about anything. Here's to a great year and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Jones.