



Class 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 2! We hope you've had a wonderful summer and are ready to get settled into an exciting new year. As always, we've been busy preparing an exciting half term for the children.

We've started the term with a MindMate day, themed around Feeling Good and Being Me. Ask your child what they can tell you about being proud of themselves! The children are settling into the new routines really well and have shown us some brilliant learning already!

English

Children will receive their book on the Friday of the second week, following a week of reading the book with their reading teacher – children should aim to read their book with 90% fluency. We ask that you read with your child as much as you can at home for about 10-15 minutes at a time – whether with their reading book or another text that sparks their interest and note this down in their home reading journal. The level of expectation by the end of Year 2 is quite high in reading, and we want to give the children every chance of getting there. Please make sure that your child brings their book into school every day as they may be asked to read with an adult at any time. **Home reading books should be brought into school on a Thursday, so that they can be changed and their new book returned home on a Friday.**

Children will continue to visit the library each week and are able to choose a book to take home to read. Please share and enjoy these books together and return them each week on a Wednesday.

Maths

In Year 2, we will continue to use a maths scheme called Power Maths. This scheme ensures that children are fluent in their understanding and recall of maths but gives them lots of opportunity to reason with and apply their knowledge. Where we feel necessary, we will use other activities to deepen children's understanding or fill any gaps in their knowledge. We will also continue to recall maths facts. These help children with their understanding of the number system and support them in being able to solve maths problems quickly, confidently and more effectively. Children will be using Numbots again this year, so please encourage them to log back on and continue where they left off in Year 1! Password reminders will be attached to your child's home reading journal.

Topic

KS1 will be starting with 'Toys' as our first topic and will continue with this for all of Autumn term. Year 2 will discover how the toys they have played with since they were born have changed. We will compare toys from the present to those their grandparents played with as well as investigate toys from before their grandparents were born.

Science

This term, Year 2 will be building on their knowledge of Animals including humans. We will learn about mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and humans. We will however beginning this topic this half term by learning all about our own class aquarium and all of the aquarium animals and their roles. Our STEM hero this half term is Navaratnam Partheeban, a Veterinary Surgeon.

We can't wait to get to know all your children better and settle them into Year 2. If there are any worries or questions, please email or phone the school office and ask to speak to either of us.

Mrs Ellis and Mr Lund.

Reminders

The school gates open at 8:30 ready for the classroom door to open at 08.40. Children are expected to be seated and ready to learn by 08.50. We politely ask that you say goodbye to your child outside, before they come into the classroom.

Mrs Ellis teaches:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Mr Lund teaches:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

P.E.

Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor) – please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Library

Thursday

Home Reading book

Thursday

Spellings

Monday

Staff in Y2

Mrs Ellis and Mr Lund will be the main class teachers. Mrs Draper, Miss McCloy, Mrs Tordoff, Mrs Thackery and Ms Blackburn will support the class throughout the week.

Dates to remember:

Monday 21st September

MindMate Support Team Introduction Welcome

Monday 28th September

Immunisations

Monday 6th October

Individual photos

Tuesday 13th October and Tuesday 20th October

Parents' Evening