

## The Calder Learning Trust

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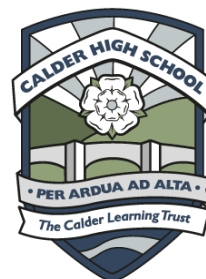
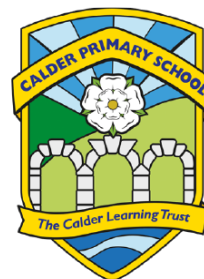
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## Welcome to Class 2

Dear Parents/Carers of Class 2,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child back to school and to Class 2. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better and for all our learning this year!

### Class Topics

For this half term our topic lessons are geography based. We will be learning about longitude and latitude, leading into different time zones. Later in the year we will focus on learning about the UK as a whole to compare with an area in South America. Our history units focus on ancient civilisations including Egyptians, Greeks and the Mayans! In science, we will begin by recapping on atoms to help us with our learning around states of matter before moving on to forces including magnets.

### PE

Our PE days are **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please can you child have a full PE kit in school every day- it will be sent home at half term to be washed. The kit list can be found on the school website [here](#). Long hair will need to be tied back, and any jewellery including earrings will need to be removed (it is easier not to wear earrings on PE days if possible).

### Reading

Children will bring their reading packets home every day and we ask them to bring them back to school each morning. Please take note of the reading activities and questions that are in the back of all books – these are a good indication as to whether they have understood the story. All children will read to an adult weekly in school and we will check comprehension before we change their books as well to help them build these skills.

Ideally, we would like to see children reading at home daily, but we recognise at times that this is not always possible. Reading at least 4 times a week can really support your child's progress in English. Reading books that are sent home are levelled to help children progress with their reading and give them a suitable amount of challenge through different genres. If you choose to read something different some days (Newsround articles, magazines and newspapers or comics are all great choices!) please still write it in your child's reading record.

We do encourage reading for pleasure also. Reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others. **Our class library day is Tuesday** and during this time children can explore different books in the library, choose one to bring home or change their class reading book.

### Spellings

We teach spelling three times a week in school to ensure that all children have a good understanding of the spelling rule that we are focusing on. We will

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test these spellings each **Friday** and we ask that you continue to practise these spellings throughout the week.

Spelling lists can be found within their home spelling book. Please feel free to use this as a resource to help practising at home. Your child's spelling shed log in will also be on the inside cover of their home spelling book where children can play online games based around their spelling rule for the week. The difficulty setting of these games can be adjusted as needed for your child. Other useful ways of practising can be to use fridge magnets or scrabble tiles, playing hangman or muddling spellings into anagrams for your child to solve. Spellings is an important skill and can enhance reading and writing skills by widening their vocabulary. It also boosts confidence, and spelling correctly requires focus and concentration, both of which are important skills for children as they can transfer these skills to other areas of school life too.

### **Homework**

Specific homework tasks are not sent home for Class 2. Instead, we ask that you support with reading, spelling and times table practise as these are key building blocks in Class 2. Times Table Rockstars logins are stuck inside the front cover of their home spelling books too.

### **Other equipment needed**

It is helpful to have water bottles, PE kit and an apron or large old T-shirt for art.

Wellies are also useful to have in school but especially for Forest School. Forest school will take place instead of indoor PE on Thursdays during the second half of each term.

Pupils are encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable snack for morning break each day, as pupils can get quite hungry by lunchtime otherwise!

### **Upcoming Dates**

Parents' Evenings will be on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, details of how to book an appointment will be sent out nearer the time.

Please keep an eye out for the weekly newsletter, emailed home each Friday.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to speak with me at drop off and collection times or by email at [primary@calderlearningtrust.com](mailto:primary@calderlearningtrust.com)

I look forward to working together with you this year!

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Smith