

Dear Class 2 parents,

Welcome back! We hope you and your children have had a lovely summer holidays and are ready for a busy school year ahead. This letter will share some key information about routines in Class 2, however you are invited to our class meeting on **Tuesday 12th September at 2:50pm** to ask any further questions you may have.



Staff information

- Miss Foster will teach the children Monday – Friday.
- Mrs Richardson will teach the children on Friday mornings to cover Miss Foster's out of class time.
- Mr Tanner will teach the children for PE every Monday afternoon.
- Mrs Drew will support the class Monday – Thursday.

Pick up and drop off

In the mornings, please drop children off at 8:45am by the gate next to the spiritual garden, they will be met here by a member of support staff. The children will then come straight into class to complete an early morning activity until registration at 9am. Pick up is at 3:30pm outside our classroom door in the playground. We appreciate your punctuality in dropping off/picking children off promptly.

What does your child need to bring to school each day?

- Bookbag (this is preferred over a bag/rucksack if possible)
 - Yellow reading diary and reading book/s
 - Full bottle of water (these can be refilled in school)
 - Depending on the weather and season – waterproof coat with a hood, sun hat, sun cream (already applied before school)
 - Snack (optional). Children have access to fruit each day free of charge. **Please ensure any snacks brought from home are healthy and nut free – we have a number of serious nut allergies in class this year.** Children can also have milk at break time for a small charge via Cool Milk.
 - Children should wear PE kit into school on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please ensure children have appropriate footwear for this – plimsolls or trainers.
- Please clearly name all your child's belongings to avoid them getting lost – thank you.**

Reading

Alongside many opportunities to read in school, it is important that you read with your child daily, popping a tick or comment in their reading diary to let us know how they are getting on. I promise your support makes a real positive impact on their progress! Mrs Drew will change books on **Mondays**, only if the reading diary has been signed/ticked. Children will receive 2 books to read over the week 2/3 times. Children who are on accelerated reader will change their book in the library after they have read it a couple of times and taken the comprehension quiz. Whether children read phonetic or library books, the reading record should be regularly signed – thank you.

Key words and spellings

Each week the children will be set either key words (Mrs Drew's phonics group) or spellings (Miss Foster's spelling group). Key words will be given and checked on **Wednesdays** via yellow reading diaries. Children should practise reading and spelling their key words over the week ready for a short check the following week. This is done in a very low-key way and supports the children in spelling tricky and high frequency words in their writing.

Spellings will be given on a **Monday** and checked on a **Friday**. Children will be given a spelling sheet with the words on in their yellow diary and they should practise reading and spelling these by Friday. The words will reinforce our SPaG learning in school for that week.

Key words/spellings will be set for the first time the w.b 11.09.23.

Numbots and TTRS

At the start of the year, the children will be given a login to Numbots (Year 1 children) or Times Table Rock Stars (Year 2 children). These are both fun platforms allowing children to practise their basic arithmetic skills. The aim is for them to improve their fluency and quick recall of mathematical number facts – focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children have the opportunity to earn certificates which they will be awarded in celebration assemblies. There is no expectation for how frequently the children access these platforms, however little and often is encouraged.

Volunteering in Class 2

We are always keen for volunteers in school, whether helping out on school trips, listening to readers, or sharing your skills. If you are interested in volunteering, please have a chat with us to let us know what you would like to do. You'll also need to speak to Mrs Grant, in the office, who will be on hand to help arrange a DBS certificate.

Getting in touch with us...

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you need to. You can either catch us at the end of the day or send an email via Amanda in the office – adminlandscove@thelink.academy. These will be forwarded to us and responded to as soon as possible.

We look forward to working alongside you and your children this year!

Miss Foster, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Drew (Class 2 team)

