



Supporting Your Child in Class 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Spring Break! We hope that you are rested and raring to go for the last term of this academic year! This letter explains what will be taught this term and how you can support your child's learning.

Your child's teachers are Miss Ferns on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning, Mrs Redfern on Tuesdays and Mrs Rudkin on Friday afternoons. Miss Edwards will also be supporting in class.

Children will enter school between 8.40 and 8.45. We hope that this will encourage a smoother, calmer start to the day. At the end of the day, come into our outdoor area no earlier than 3.10pm. We will give the children permission to go, when we have seen you. We do have a collection book so if there are other people who will be collecting your child, please inform us so that we can add them to the list.

English

There will be daily English lessons alongside phonics, handwriting and reading sessions every week. We will be looking at a vast variety of texts to engage the pupils in writing and build their confidence to write independently and edit their own mistakes and make improvements. This term we will be looking at Non-chronological reports, animal poetry, warning tales and letters.

Supporting their learning at home has a massive impact,



- 5-10 minutes daily reading is vital, can they read to you when you're getting breakfast or doing the washing up? It doesn't have to always be a big sit-down event.
- Practising letter formation of those letters they struggle with, ensuring they start in the right place.
- Learning spellings sent home or key words you spot they always make a mistake on e.g. went with a 'n' or when and not wen.
- Opportunities to write, adding to a shopping list, writing family birthday cards (the whole thing!), write a postcard when on holiday, writing notes for people. Anything with a purpose, they can all do it with encouragement, it doesn't need to be perfect 😊

Maths

The children will have a daily maths lesson where they will have the opportunity to develop their calculation, reasoning and problem-solving skills. We will also be doing Mastering Number, which develops your child's fluency of number four times a week.

We begin by continuing our work on fractions, then moving onto time, statistics and finally position and direction. We will also be recapping some of the areas that the children will be finding tricky this half term. On the school website in the 'parents' section, you will find our calculation policy which has information about the different methods and strategies that are taught.

Useful things that can be done at home to support learning in maths:

- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards.
- Telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and identifying that an analogue clock goes up in increments of 5.
- Talking about the time and reading clocks and timetables. (*What day is it today/tomorrow/yesterday? How many hours until? How many hours are in a day and an hour? Can you name all of the days of the week?*)
- Using money - recognise and count coins to pay for items, add the cost of items or even work out the change from £1.
- Use language of measurement to measure and compare length, mass and capacity. E.g. using scales to weigh ingredients when baking, comparing the weight of parcels, measuring their height, measuring pieces of wood for a DIY project, filling glasses or the bath and talking about how full they are.
- Use the language of fractions E.g. half/quarter of the way there.
- Practically group and share objects such as sweets to develop an understanding of equal groups.
- Draw pictograms or tally charts for items in the house e.g. how many tins in the cupboard, types of toys that they have etc.



We would like you to continue to use the 'Home reading sheets' and reading diaries as a record of your child's reading at home. Regular daily reading is the most important homework you can do with your child. It is important that your child's book bag comes to school daily. We will endeavour to read with your child once a week as a minimum and they will engage in daily reading activities. They will take home 2 books and they will have the opportunity to change these once a week but only need to ask if they want to change these more frequently.

In addition to reading, your child will be given other homework tasks relating to our work. The Learning Log will go home on Fridays and will need to be returned **by the following Wednesday** so that there is time to mark it and set the new task for Friday. **All homework tasks will be shared via the homework blog on Purple Mash.** Please check this regularly. All logins will be found inside the learning log books. Some additional tasks may also be stuck into the book.

Uniform and P.E

Please could you ensure that children are in the correct uniform for the school day. Boys should wear grey or black trousers, a white shirt or polo shirt and a blue school jumper. We sell iron on badges in the office. Boys may wear grey school shorts in the summer.

Girls should wear grey skirts or pinafores, a white shirt or polo shirt and a blue school jumper or cardigan. In the warmer months girls may also wear a blue checked dress.

Can we also ask that where possible boys wear black or dark coloured shoes rather than trainers, and girls wear flat black or dark coloured shoes.

Our PE days will be **Mondays and Tuesdays**. On these days, children need to come to school in the correct PE kit. This comprises of dark bottoms, a white t-shirt and their school cardigan or jumper. For health and safety reasons **NO JEWELLERY** is to be worn. Staff are unable to remove or take responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings we would suggest that you remove them before they come to school, so no earrings on Mondays and Tuesdays please.

Water bottles

As it will start to get warmer, please ensure that your child is bringing a water bottle to school with them every day and that these are named and taken home daily.

Only water is allowed.

Sun cream and sun hats

As we are entering the summer months, please send your child to school wearing sun cream when sun is predicted and with a labelled sun hat that they can wear during playtimes and lunch times as the playground gets full sun during the middle of the day.

Plimsolls

Every child needs indoor plimsolls that they change into at school and live at school please.

Book Bags

Book bags need to be brought to school every day and are stored in a box in the classroom so please NO rucksacks as they don't fit, sorry!

We communicate regularly so please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Your Year 2 Team

Miss Ferns, Mrs Redfern, Mrs Rudkin and Miss Edwards

