

Dear Class 2 Parents and Children,

Welcome back and welcome to Class 2. A special welcome to those children who are new to the Class. We hope everyone had a fantastic Summer holiday.

Everyone is settling in very well and have had time to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings.

### **Class 2 routines:**

From next Monday (8th Sep) the class will settle into it's regular routines. Each morning there will be a set activity for your child to take part in if arriving before registration at 8:50am. The mornings activity can be seen on the classroom door. Please feel free to settle your child into these activities for the first couple of weeks. After the first couple of weeks we ask that you leave your child at the classroom door and they get themselves settled, this is to help your child build their independence and self confidence.

Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Friday. Please bring reading books in every day and please use the reading records provided to note down what they have read. This will help us to see which books need changing and where they are up to. All children are different and will read at different paces and with different levels of enthusiasm, please don't feel that the challenge is to get through all 3 books at a time. We would encourage your child to read at home as much as possible but generally little and often is the best way forwards. At school we will listen to your child read at least twice a week individually.

Your child also has a 'words of the week book' and a 'home learning book'. The 'words of the week book' will come home every Monday and will contain a set of words for them to practice at home They will be tested on these words the following Monday and their results will be recorded in their reading record for you to see. The 'home learning books' will come home on Wednesday's and children have until the following Wednesday (unless otherwise stated) to complete the tasks that have been set in their book.

### **Autumn term curriculum:**

This half term our Topic is 'Ourselves'. This topic will focus on looking at the human body and the senses that are linked to different body parts. In science we will be investigating healthy eating and a balanced diet and also testing out our senses. In Literacy we will be putting together a poster 'All About Me', and writing a letter to convince someone that living a healthy lifestyle is a good choice to make.

This terms numeracy will start with number work and place value, followed by addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and finish with developing their understanding and learning in fractions. Also in numeracy we will be launching the new 'North Yorkshire Space Agency Instant Recall Mission', which is a new version of the 'Key Instant Recall Facts sheets' from previous years. Each child will have a log book in school that is broken down into various stages of a space mission. Each mission comprises of various maths targets, and home learning will be set to help progress your child through these missions. When each target in a mission has been successfully completed 3 times your child will have completed the mission and receive a certificate.

We will also be focusing on Geography this half term and will be studying the weather. We will be starting our class 'Weather and Seasons Tracker' that will track the weather, temperature and day length through out the whole of the school year to link in with the new Science curriculum.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all parents to a '**Phonics for Parents' evening at 5pm on Wednesday 17th September in Class 2 (please sign up on the 'sign up sheet' on class 2 door)**. The aim of this session is to explain how phonics teaching works in school and to help you support your child's learning at home. It will also be a good opportunity to discuss what future sessions you would find useful.

As always, if there is anything you would like to ask or discuss then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks

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