



Class 2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Class 2: It is going to be a fabulous year!

Meet the Class 2 Team: Your child will be taught by Mrs Barker. Miss Armstrong and Mrs Elstob will be the teaching assistants. Mrs Oliver will be teaching Class 2 on Monday afternoon and also the weekly computing lesson for Class 2. Class 2 are extremely lucky to have some invaluable class helpers too: Miss Swinney and Mrs Shaw are regular volunteers in our class.

Message from Mrs Barker: *I hope you and your family had a lovely summer holiday. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and showing them what life in Class 2 is all about. Class 2 has a mix of both Year 1 and Year 2 children; they have all settled in well and are already working really hard. This is just a brief letter to help you through the first few weeks. I will provide further information as the term goes on. I will also endeavour to update our class webpage regularly.*

General information:

- The school day starts at 8.55am with entry into school via the bottom yard school entrance from 8:45am.
- Children exit the class via the classroom door.
- Please clearly label all items of clothing including school uniform, PE kits and coats. Many children have the same lunch bags so label these too.
- Please make sure your child brings their blue school bag to school every day in order to bring home any class work or letters and make sure you check it daily for any letters to avoid missing deadlines.
- Every morning children are provided with a healthy snack (either fruit or vegetables).
- If your child is absent from school please inform the school office as soon as possible.
- If your child requires any medication please ensure that the school has an up to date medical form and that staff have the necessary medication.

Our Curriculum: Over the year we will be studying lots of interesting topics and be working hard on developing reading, writing and mathematical skills.

How to help at home:

- Sharing regular reading time at home. Ideally listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. Please write a comment in your child's reading record to acknowledge you have listened to them read. Reading books must be in school every day.
- Practising spellings which will be given every Thursday and tested a week later. The spellings will be written in the **front** of the book then tested the following week in the **back** of the book, therefore it is essential that the spelling book is in school on a Thursday.
- Supporting your child with their maths and literacy homework which will be sent home on a Thursday and is due back the following Tuesday. (Please note homework will not be sent home straight away as I am assessing each child to ensure all homework is of an appropriate level.)



Our topic this term will be 'Map Makers' – we will be using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as countries, continents and oceans around the world. In Science we will be investigating 'Animals and their Habitats'. Our RE topics will be 'How do Christians celebrate Harvest?' and 'What can we learn from visiting a church?' Our Literacy lessons will be based on the stories by Julia Donaldson: Zog, The Gruffalo and Room on a Broom to mention a few.



Our P.E. days this term are Tuesday and Wednesday. It is helpful if P.E. kits are left in school and taken home at the end of each half term. PE kit is a school PE t-shirt, blue shorts and **plimsolls** for indoor activities and a school t-shirt, shorts or joggers and **trainers** for outside activities. If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied back and that no jewellery is worn. If your child has just moved up from Reception they will now need trainers for the outdoor PE lessons as we often go onto the field.



Indoor PE Shoes



Outdoor PE Shoes

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Barker