



# Autumn 2019



Dear parents,

Welcome to Class 2! First, let me start by saying 'thank you' to all of you who have welcomed me to Landscope already this week. It has been lovely meeting you, and I look forward to getting to know everyone throughout this year. I hope you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Class 2 has to offer. If you have any concerns, however small they may seem, please don't hesitate to catch me for a chat or make an appointment. In this way, we find that most problems can be quickly sorted out.

We will be supported by Mrs Drew, Miss Raymont and Miss Kearle. Mrs Ryder will also be teaching the children in Class 2 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

## **Morning arrangements**

As most year 2 parents will be aware, the morning arrangements are a little bit different from when the children were in Class 1. Please can you use the side entrance to access the school's playground. The children can be dropped off from 8.45am and school officially starts on the whistle at 8.55am. I will put the bookbag boxes outside in the playground. The children will then enter the school via the middle doors passing their pegs on their way into the classroom.

## **Topic**

Our first topic is toys: both old and new! You may have noticed our role play area has transformed into a toy shop and next week we will be starting to read 'Traction Man' in English and learning about the best materials to make such toys in Science. We will also study toys from the past in History and make links to our topic in Art and Design and in Wild Woodland Learning. Please take a look at the topic web which will be on our Class 2 page of the school's website next week to find out more.

## **PE**

The children will be doing PE on Thursdays with Mr Tanner. They will always need to have their PE kits in school. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled. If they don't already have one, please could you provide a named water bottle that stays in school. We will be doing as much PE outdoors as possible, so having kit in school every day would be really useful.

## **Wild Woodland Learning**

This will take place on Tuesdays this half term. Children will need the usual; wellies, waterproof jackets, trousers and warm layers please as we will aim to go outside in (nearly) all weathers!

## **Reading**

Please continue to send in bookbags daily. Year 1 children will continue reading in the same way as Class 1. Mrs Drew will check and change books on a Monday and Thursday provided you have initialed or commented in the reading record book. We assess their reading each half term and children will start using Accelerated Reader once they have passed the first online test. For those that are already using Accelerated Reader, they will continue to choose one book at a time to read at home and will complete quizzes and change their own book in the school library.

## **Spellings**

Year 1s will continue to be sent key word cards to practice reading and spellings at home. These are checked weekly by Miss Rayment. Year 2s will be given a list of spellings to learn each Friday, which they will be tested on the following Friday. Please try to find a few short opportunities during the week to practise these as the spelling patterns are far more likely to become embedded this way.

## **Maths homework**

On Fridays I will also set Maths homework that links with what we are learning in class that week. It may be an online game, fluency practice of key skills, open-ended reasoning or problem solving questions. The children may need adult support to complete this please. I will collect in any paper-based homework on Wednesdays.

## **Lucky's adventures and show and tell**

This year, Lucky, the class dog (fear not, he's a cuddly toy!) will be heading home with a child each weekend. It would be great if you were able to take him on your adventures with you and perhaps put a photo in his travel log, and the children could write a couple of lines about their weekend. They can then tell the class about it at 'show and tell', which will take place on Tuesday afternoons. The new timetable for show and tell is on the classroom door. If your child forgets or misses their slot then it can usually be squeezed in on a different day, but we try to do one group a week to make it more manageable.



I hope all this information is helpful. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Laura Trist  
Class 2 Teacher