

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 **Monday 8th September at 3pm** to ask any further questions you may have.



Staff information

- Mrs Searle will teach the children Monday – Friday.
- Mrs Ryder will teach on Friday morning to cover Mrs Searle's out of class time.
- Mr Tanner will teach the children for PE every Monday afternoon.
- Mrs Drew will support the class Monday – Thursday.
- Mrs Gibbs will support the class Monday – Friday (mornings only).
- Miss Raymont will support the class Monday – Friday (afternoons only).

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 school.** 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.

Children should bring in appropriate **Wild Woodland Learning clothing** (long sleeves and trousers) on **Friday**.

Please clearly name all your child's belongings to avoid them getting lost – thank you.

Reading

Children in class 2 get many opportunities to read in school, but they always love to show off their reading skills to their loved ones at home! Reading with your child as often as you can (**daily**) makes a real positive impact on their progress! If you can, pop a tick or a comment in their yellow reading record so we can see how they're getting on.

Children will receive 1 **phonics bug reading book** each week which they will read to an adult at school 3x a week, and it will really support their progress if they can share this with you at home too.

Once your child moves onto accelerated reader during year 2, they will change their book in the library after they have read it and taken the comprehension quiz. Whether children read phonetic or library books, the reading record should be regularly signed – thank you for your continued support

Key words and spellings

Each week the children will be set either key words (Y1 phonics group) or spellings (Y2 spelling group). These will be practiced at school throughout the week but please ask if you would like to support this at home.

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!

Mrs Searle and the rest of the Class 2 Team!