

Dear Class 2 parents and children,

I hope you have had a fun-filled summer holiday and are ready for a busy year ahead.

This year I will be teaching the children Monday-Friday. Mrs Richardson will be returning to cover my out of class time on Friday afternoons and Mr Tanner will teach the children their second PE lesson each week. We are super lucky this year to be joined by two teaching assistants – Mrs Drew and Miss West, a familiar face for the Year 1 children! They will be supporting myself and the children daily.



Pick up and drop off

Children will need to be dropped off from **8:45am** by the gate up the path nearest to the school house and collected from the playground at **3:30pm**. The bell is rung in the morning at **9am** so please ensure children are in by this time at the latest. If you arrive later than 9am, please take children directly to the office as the gate will be locked. It is crucial that you remain punctual with these timings to ensure a prompt start and finish to the day.

PE/Wild Woodland Learning

Autumn 1 – PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Forest school on Fridays.

Autumn 2 – PE days are Mondays and Thursdays. No forest school this half term.

- PE kit and WWL clothing should be worn in on these days to avoid changing time
- Wellies are needed for WWL and waterproofs/puddle suit if possible – these can be left in a bag on pegs. WWL will be in the mornings, so on muddy days, children may want to bring an extra pair of trousers to change into. If children wear wellies in, please bring clean shoes in a spare bag.
- Coats should be brought in all year round and sun hat in the summer
- All belongings clearly labelled please to avoid things getting lost!

Water bottles/snacks

All children should bring in a clearly named water bottle to school each day. Fruit will be provided at break time, however children can bring in their own healthy snack from home if they wish. **No nuts please!** Please contact Amanda in the office if your child would like milk at break time – there is a small cost for this which will need to be paid each term.

Show and Tell

Due to timetable constraints, there will be no Show and Tell this year.

Class Bear

We have an additional member of our class this year – our class bear, who we name in the first week together! They love to go exploring with the Class 2 children and will be sent home once a week (on a Friday) with a child for a weekend adventure. Please draw/write/stick in photos of what you get up to in their journal. **Please note – if your child has the class bear for the weekend,**

they will talk about their adventures the following week. It would be great if the bear could be brought back in on a Monday!

Reading

Alongside many opportunities to read in school, it is important that you read with your child daily, popping a tick or comment in their reading diary to let us know how they are getting on. I promise your support makes a real positive impact on their progress! Mrs Drew will change books on **Wednesdays**, only if the reading diary has been signed/ticked. Children will receive 2 books to read over the week and should read these 2/3 times each. Children who are on accelerated reader will change their book in the library after they have read it a couple of times and taken the comprehension quiz. Whether children read phonetic or library books, the reading record should be regularly signed.

Spellings/key words

Spellings and key words will be checked on **Fridays**. Year 2 children will receive their new list on **Monday**s and this will practice a rule we are learning within our spelling and grammar sessions. Year 1 children will receive new key words on **Fridays** after the previous weeks has been checked – these will be written into their spelling books. There will be no spellings or key words set for the first week back.

Homework

Aside from daily reading and regular spelling/word practice, the children will be set an additional piece of homework each week. This will usually be something maths based to consolidate what we have been learning in school. Please check your child's reading diary for homework information each week. There will be no homework set for the first week back.

Topics and trips

This year our topics are Amazing Me! (Autumn term), Africa (Spring term) and Roots, Shoots and Moon Boots (Summer term). Please visit our class page on the school website to view a topic web for more information. This will also be updated weekly with photos of what we are getting up to. If you have anything you would like to bring in to support one of our topics, please talk to Miss Foster. We will hopefully link a fun trip in with each of our topics.

We look forward to working alongside you and your child this year! If you have any queries, please speak to a member of the team at the end of the day or email Mrs Grant in the office on adminlandscove@thelink.academy. All queries will be passed on and responded to as soon as possible. Yellow diaries are checked daily so messages can be communicated through this also.

Miss Foster, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Drew, Miss West (Class 2 team)

