



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all had a healthy and happy summer. It is lovely to see all of the children back and ready to learn. We are very excited to be teaching Year 2 again, looking forward to the year ahead, and learning many new skills. Please do not worry about things your child may have forgotten or missed in the previous year group. We will work together to catch up and are all in this together.

Meet The Team:

Year Two consists of two classes: Finches (Miss Kelsall, Miss Johns, Mrs Rea, Mrs Pearson, Mr Harvey) and Swallows (Miss Edden, Miss Bragg and Mr Philip). Please feel free to see any of the staff if you have any questions concerning your children and their learning.

Curriculum:

Our primary focus in the Autumn will be upon ensuring that your children are ready to learn and as always social and emotional learning will be an important part of our curriculum. We will ensure that key concepts, knowledge and skills that all children need to understand will be taught at the beginning of the year before starting a new concept. We are currently assessing the children on their phonic knowledge and reading ability and will be allocating reading books in due course.

Class text:

This week we have been exploring the text Conker the Chameleon. This text focuses on the importance of talking about our feelings. This includes teaching the children about the zones of emotional regulation. Moving forward, we will have a class text which follows the Talk for Writing structure.

Snack, Pencil Cases & Bags:

Children should bring in a named water bottle. They are welcome to bring in a healthy snack if they wish for break time although fruit is available in Key Stage One. Remember, no nuts please! Children do not need pencil cases in Year 2 as we provide all the resources. They only need to bring a book bag to school.

Forest:

The children will visit the Forest on Tuesday afternoons and will therefore need to arrive in school wearing forest kit that you don't mind getting muddy. Forest will be on alternate weeks. Finches will visit the Forest first on Tuesday 14th September, and Swallows will be visiting the following week. Could you please make sure that the children come to school with a suitable waterproof coat. The children also need to bring in their wellies separately in a plastic bag and take them home after forest school as we are unable to store them all in school.

P.E:

We have two PE sessions each week - Mondays and Thursdays, starting the week beginning 13th September. Please can your child arrive on this day dressed in their PE kit. Please make sure that the children have the correct P.E kit in school.

This should include:

- Plain blue/black shorts
- Plain t-shirt based on the children's family learning group (if you are unsure of your child's family learning colour, please ask a member of staff in the office)
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

Homework:

Your child will be set homework each week on a Friday. This needs to be completed and returned to their class teacher by the following Thursday. Homework will consist of a Maths tasks and a piece of work linked to Phonics/Year 2 spellings.

Reading:

In addition to English and maths homework, the children are expected to read at home and record this in their yellow reading records. Every day is ideal, however at least 3 times a week is a minimum. Please record this in their yellow reading records, which can stay in their book bags to keep a record of their progress at home.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to remind you that we operate an open door policy. If you do have any queries or questions, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher at any time.

Warmest wishes,

Emily Kelsall and Sue Edden