Dear Parents,
Your child is now in Class 2. Mrs Chadburn will teach on Monday through to Wednesday and Mr Townsend will teach on Thursday and Friday.

We will provide all the writing equipment for the children, so we ask that the children don't bring a pencil case. Also there is very little room in the classroom for toys, cards, stickers, etc, and inevitably the children end up arguing about them, so please encourage your child not to bring them into school. Your child will have a labelled drawer inside the classroom.

Snacks and water bottles
The children's drinks and snacks will be kept outside on the corridor on top of the trolley. Please make sure that your child's water bottle is labelled with their name. Bags, coats and PE kits will be hung on their peg in the cloakroom.

PE/Uniform
It is important that they have PE kit – a plain T-shirt, black shorts, socks, trainers all named. It is also helpful to label uniform and outdoor clothing. We will do PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Therefore, it would be sensible to bring their PE kit to school on the first day and hang it on their peg. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days.

Morning routine
Every morning before and during registration the children will be asked to complete a series of maths sums which will be displayed on the board. **We ask that parents leave their children in the cloakroom so that they can enter the classroom alone** and complete the task independently. The staff will support the children and discuss the questions straight after registration.

Homework
Homework will be given to your child every Thursday. It will be sent home in a plastic folder, which we ask the children to **return on Monday with the completed homework inside.** Each week the children will be asked to complete a reading comprehension sheet. Additionally, they may choose to do an online maths homework task on My Maths every two weeks. The dates for when the My Maths homework will be set will be displayed on the parents' noticeboard, on the newsletter and on the grid stuck to the back of the homework folder.

Reading

We also ask for parents to hear their child read as frequently as possible and record any comments about their reading in a home / school reading record. The reading records will be checked each week and those children who have read at home three or more times will receive a reading token which will then be placed into a weekly prize draw. Your child will have an allocated day when they read with the teacher in a guided group session.

Reading books for children on the RWI phonic programme

At the end of the week, if your child is on the RWI phonic programme they will bring home the book that they have been practising during their RWI lessons. It is therefore expected that they should be able to read this story very well and it is being sent home to show parents how well they can read it. Children enjoy re-reading stories they know well. It improves not only their fluency but also their self-esteem. In order to reinforce the children's phonics learning we are also going to send home a second book which is called a 'Book Bag Book'. These books correspond to the RWI Storybooks. Thus they reinforce children's learning of phonics, helping them to make even faster progress in reading. **These books will be sent home every Friday and we ask that they are returned along with the reading record on the following Wednesday.** It is crucial that the

books are returned promptly as they are needed for the delivery of RWI lessons. We have invested a lot of money, therefore we must ask that you take care of the books and send them back to school in the new RWI book bags.

Reading books for children not on the RWI phonic programme

If your child is no longer on the RWI programme, then they will receive two book banded reading books from our KS1 library. **The books will be sent home every Friday and we ask that these books be returned by Wednesday and placed in a box in the classroom so that they can be changed for Friday.** Your child will **not** receive an A3 clear plastic book bag as these are only for the children on the RWI programme. They may transport their reading books in either their own book bag or school bag. We do ask that your child brings their reading books/record to school every day so that we can hear them read individually.

Spellings for children on the RWI phonic program

If your child is on the RWI phonic programme they will be given 5 individual spellings to practice each week. These will be sent home every Monday. **They will be tested on Monday**. Any spelling which they spell incorrectly will be given again.

Spellings for children not on the RWI phonic programme

Your child will receive 6 spellings each week on a Wednesday which will be stuck into their RWI spelling log book. This log book should be taken home and spellings should be practised in preparation for a **spelling test every Monday**.

You can find copies of all the spellings for the year on a grid on the back of the homework folder.

Times Table Test

We also ask that you support your child in learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables for a **weekly test every Friday**. It tells you which multiplication tables the children will be tested on each week on the grid on the back of the homework folder. The children will also need to know related division facts.

Throughout the year we will be reading books written by our chosen class author 'Anthony Browne'. One of his most famous books is called Gorilla. Therefore, our class name will be 'Great Gorillas'. Over the summer if you visit the library please encourage your child to read some of the wonderful books written by Anthony Browne.

Our weekly newsletter is available on the website and outside the classroom on a weekly basis. Please read this as it contains important information about your children's learning and any up and coming events.

Many thanks

Mrs Chadburn and Mr Townsend