

Welcome to Year 2



Dear Parents,

In September, your child will be in Class 2. Mrs Chadburn will teach on Monday through to Thursday and Miss Bennison will teach on Friday.

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 and coats 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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days.

Countdown Maths

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. 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 shown on the parents' newsletter.

Reading

We also ask for parents to hear their child read as frequently as possible and to record any comments about their reading in their 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, where possible 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 Monday.** 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 in these books and therefore ask that you take care of the books and send them back to school in the new RWI book bags. The book bags will stay in school on Wednesday, enabling staff to change the reading books to be sent home on Friday.

