



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to teaching your children this year and are enjoying getting to know them.

We have had a super start to September. We have taken part in activities including making our own feelings charts to show how we are feeling and starting to use our class feelings chart, art combined with Heartsmart on how we can help and hurt each other's hearts, A class treasure hunt so we can get to know where everything is, and showing how beautiful our writing is by writing about what we did in the holidays.

Staff

Mrs Barrick will teach the class on Monday. Mrs Young will teach the class from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Hood will be the teaching assistant in Year 2 from Tuesday to Friday.

Curriculum

During the autumn term our topic will be Antarctica and this will cover history and geography elements of the curriculum. In RE, our topic will be The Bible. In science we will be learning about Materials and their properties. Our Power of Reading text will be The Emperor's egg which is a non-fiction text all about the life cycle of an emperor penguin.

PE

PE will be on Wednesday. Please make sure that your child wears navy shorts or jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan. No football kits please. PLEASE COULD **ALL** ITEMS OF CLOTHING BE NAMED!

Drinks and snacks

Please could we ask that children bring water in their bottles. If your child does not like plain water, flavoured water is fine. Also please could water bottles be named as we have lots of similar bottles. The children are provided with fruit in the afternoon but should they wish to bring their own fruit or veg for afternoon snack, it must be fruit or veg and not jelly fruit snacks or any other type of snack, such as cereal bars or crisps etc.

Homework

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. The children are able to change their reading books every day, should they wish to do so, but it is expected that they will change them at least once or twice during the week. Please date and comment in their reading diaries after each time they read as this is useful for us to know if they enjoyed a book, struggled with any aspects of it, or just enjoyed reading it!

Other homework will be set on Purplemash. I set a variety of homework. It may look like a lot but there is the option to pick the task your child either enjoys or needs extra support with. I suggest that your child always completes at least one, English or maths task, as the tasks are linked to work in class and so the tasks provide valuable overlearning. I will send out a letter with your child's login details. If you have any problems logging in please let us know and we will endeavour to help. We will be setting other homework as and when it is required according to the topic we are covering.

Trips

We will be going on a trip to church in the autumn term (date to be confirmed). In the spring term we will be going on a trip to the fire station to link with our topic on The Great Fire of London, and in the summer term we will be going on a trip to Royden Park to link with our topic on Our Wonderful world. We will endeavour to let you know the dates of these trips as soon as we have confirmed them.

Meet the teacher meeting

There will be a meet the teacher meeting on 23rd September at 5:30. It would be lovely if you could attend so we can meet you and for you to find out about our year in Year 2. The meeting will take place in the Year 2 classroom.

We talk to the children about how our class is a family and we look after each other and work together. We look forward to working together with you and your child to give them and you the best possible year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Young, Mrs Barrick and Mrs Hood.