

## Class 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome your children into school and to see everybody back together again. All the children have come into Class 2 with smiles on their faces and enthusiasm to learn. Mrs Payne and I are really impressed with how the children have adapted to new routines and the lovely way in which they support each other in the classroom. I am delighted to be working with you all this year and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

### Phonics Screening Check

Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2020 means that your children did not take the check in Class 1. Therefore, this year, it is statutory for schools to administer the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils during the second half of the autumn term (between October half term and Christmas). Children continue to have daily phonics sessions in school and I will be sending home **sound bags** today with any gaps/new sounds to practise at home.

### Reading diaries

All children are now set up with a reading book and reading diary. The new diaries are in a slightly different format to previous years. Please can parents record reading on the day-to-day pages and school staff will record on the reading record. Sorry for any confusion here!

### Library Sessions

Our library day is **Thursday**. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to choose a library book and discuss their favourite books as a class. Mrs Powell will be leading this session and is really looking forward to it.

### PE Kits

PE days will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. These lessons will be outdoors where possible so children will need a pair of trainers or plimsolls.

### Spellings

Spellings will be tested every **Monday**. The children will receive 8 spellings that follow a set pattern, with 2 common exception words at the end. The first spelling list will go home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### Maths Packs

Maths packs will be changed **every other Monday** on a fortnightly basis. The children will bring home activities to reinforce and apply key skills learnt in class. The first pack will go home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please ask.

*Miss Bland*