

Class 2 Welcome Letter

**Attendance**

It is vitally important that all our children attend school as much as possible. Our attendance target for next year is 97%.

We do understand that occasionally children are ill, and would ask you to phone school by 9am to let us know they are poorly.

**Homework and Home Reading**

In Year 2 there will be a piece of homework, linked to what we have learnt that week, sent home on a Friday, which should be returned the following Wednesday. It is the children’s responsibility to get their homework books out of their bags and put them in the Homework Tray near the classroom door.

This term’s spelling lessons will be on a Monday – during this lesson we will test previous spellings and practice new ones. The spellings for the whole half term will be given out in the first week back.

We will also be sending home a sheet with 8 math’s facts for each week – these are to be learnt and will be practiced throughout each week. Pupils in Year 2 need to have these facts at their fingertips.

Children will have a RWI phonics linked reading book or if they are on Accelerated Reader, they will choose their own reading book, matched to their reading level. Pupils are encouraged to read every day. PLEASE CAN CHIDLREN HAVE THEIR READING BAG AND BOOK IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY.

**PE**

This term our class will be doing PE on a Thursday.

It’s really important to have PE kit in school for these days but ideally it should be available for every day as we like to fit in an extra PE session when possible.

This term we will be learning about

* Explorers
* Hot and cold countries/places in the world
* Materials and their properties.

In literacy, our focus books will the stories of Paddington Bear – one of the most intrepid explorers in children’s literature!

We will be building on and adding to the range of math’s skills covered in the first term..

**What a great start all pupils have had in Year 2! Everyone has come on in leaps and bounds and we can’t wait to see what we can achieve in the New Year. In January we will return to school on Monday 6th January. School will open at 08.45am, with registration at 09.00am. We can’t wait to see you then!**

**We hope that you all have an enjoyable and relatively peaceful Christmas Holiday (a big ask I know with excitable 6 and 7 year olds around)! Mrs Stirling and Mrs Owens.**