

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a well-deserved, safe and relaxed summer holiday with family and friends!

Below is the key information you will need for this year. Please read this carefully.

### **Reading**

Reading is a part of Year 2 homework, and your child must read the book given to them twice to develop fluency, practise their reading comprehension using the questions given in the book and recognise trickier words easily the next time they see it. Please date and sign your child's diary **every time you hear them read**. Please remind them to put their reading pack in the box in the mornings, so that we can check the diary, move their face on our chart each time they have read and/or change the book. Children do not need to finish their book in 1 day; they can read a few pages every night. If by Friday your child has been heard read 3 or more times in the week, they will receive 1 house point. We will monitor reading at home and will be reading with children during school time.

### **PE - Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon.**

This year, one area of school we will be improving as a school is to ensure all children wear proper school PE uniform to school on the days they have PE. We would not accept children arriving in school not wearing standard school uniform and PE should be no different.

Wearing appropriate PE kit to school ensures the children look smart together, feel part of a team and that everyone is seen as equal. For children to participate in PE lessons next year, they will need to wear the standard school PE uniform of a plain white t-shirt and plain dark tracksuits and/or shorts.

**All jewellery must be removed at home and hair must be tied back. We can't provide your child with tape to cover their earrings or jewellery.**

### **Please ensure your child brings a book bag and water bottle into school.**

Rucksacks or backpacks can lead to trips and falls as we do not have lots of space in the cloakroom. If possible, please use a bookbag, children have their own labelled drawer which is a perfect size for one.

### **Homework**

As mentioned, reading is part of this year's homework along with weekly spellings. Children will need to practise spellings weekly which will be set in a few weeks once they have settled into their new routine. Your child will receive a spelling book with their spellings listed and the quiz date will be on a Friday. Please do not use the book to practise in. Your child will also have a login to a website called Spelling Shed. There are various games on there to help your child learn in an alternative way if you prefer. Busy Things will have a variety of games set on 'Favourites' where they can practise reading, spelling and maths learning which we have covered in class.

If you require further homework, our class page on the school website will have objectives listed in the homework section which will provide some ideas of things you can do with your child at home to help cover skills taught in the classroom. I do not provide worksheets for children as practical games and interaction/talking with adults benefit children more at this age.

I am more than happy to help and assist where I can, so if you have any questions or are unsure about anything in Year 2, please see me after school once the children have been sent home. I will keep you updated with key dates and content we will be covering in class. I will also keep the Year 2 page updated so please check in regularly.

I am really looking forward to working alongside yourself so that we can provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

Kind Regards,  
Miss Smith