



## Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

### Class 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

**Year 2 staff:** **Miss Skipper** will teach on Monday and Tuesday. **Miss Redman** will teach Wednesday-Friday. Miss Skipper will teach Science, R.E. and Music on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Miss Redman will teach all other afternoon subjects.

**Miss Harrold** will be the class teaching assistant in the morning and **Miss Davis** will be with the class in the afternoon. **Mrs Thomas** and **Mrs Winter** will be supporting specific pupils.

#### Essential kit:

- We will provide the children with their own pencil case containing all they need. However, if you wish to give them their own pencil case this is fine as long as it can easily fit on a desk and can fit colouring pencils, felt tip pens etc. It also needs to fit in their tray at the end of each day.
- Named water bottle
- Apron or shirt for art. The children will store these in their lockers.

**Book changes** will begin in the first week back. Please send your child(ren) to school with a book they can continue to enjoy whilst they wait for new school reading books. As with Year 1, we ask that children read the books they are sent home with more than once to help embed the phonics they are learning. We will change books twice weekly.

## Home learning

**Doodle** - Your child will continue to have access to Doodle to support the learning they do in school. The aim is to stay in the green zone! From time to time we may set specific tasks on Doodle.

**Reading** - Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child at home. Even if your child is a free reader, hearing them read, helping with unfamiliar vocabulary and discussing the story and characters makes a huge difference.

**Maths** - learning in the Autumn term is largely focussed on place value. Help your child with number bonds to 10 and beyond. [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) has lots of great place value games if you enter 'place value' in the search box.

Learning the 2, 10 and 5 times tables would also be brilliant and will really help with the weekly Cracking Times Tables challenge which will take place every Friday.

**Spelling** - Supporting your child to regularly learn the Year 1/ Year 2 Common Exception Words. During the Autumn term we continue to teach a daily phonics lesson before moving to learning Y2 spelling rules in the Spring and Summer terms.

Please do take a look at the Class 2 page of the school website where we have provided lots of resources to support your child at home. There are common exception words, phonics sound mats, handwriting formation guidance and further details about Cracking Times Tables.

# Parent Helpers

We would be hugely appreciative of volunteers to help with reading in Class 2 from September. The children absolutely love reading to parents! If you are able to offer any time to hear readers please could you let me know via email ([k.redman@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:k.redman@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk)) so we can arrange a convenient time for you to help. Thank you.

## General reminders

### PE

Class 2 have PE on **Monday** and **Thursday** morning.

### Forest School:

Forest School dates are as follows - **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. As always these may be subject to change but we'll let you know.

## Affordability

For our school trip we hope to visit *We the Curious*, in Bristol, during the Spring term (to be confirmed). The cost will be in the region of £15-£20. We will know the exact cost once we have provisionally booked the trip and will send a letter giving you plenty of notice.

Pantomime: December we will go on our annual pantomime trip (Years 2-6). The cost for this will be approx. £20 per pupil for the show, ice cream/sorbet and transport by coach.

Miss Redman, Miss Skipper & the Class 2 team.