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Autumn 1 Information for Parents of children in Class 2

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, I hope everyone is well and you're raring to get back into the school routine. I am looking forward to what will no doubt be a busy half term!

Class Routines

In Class 2 I will be starting with high expectations of the children both in attitude and learning. We have a very busy time-table, especially with swimming this term. **Tuesdays** will now be our Sports Coach day and Class 2 will have PE before lunch this year so won't need to come in PE kit. Our other PE session will be swimming on Thursday mornings, please make sure children have their swimming bags with them. Miss Wilkie will take the class on Wednesday afternoons to cover RE and French. She will also take the class Monday afternoons for ART/DT whilst I undertake leadership and SENDCo duties.

Punctuality the teaching day begins at 8.50 and there are Early Bird activities each morning 8:50-9:05 including spelling and times tables sessions. Please try to get children in on time so they don't miss important learning. Doors open at 8.40 giving children plenty of time to register at the beginning of the day and begin activities. If you need to speak to me please come in at 8.40, I am unable to chat once lessons begin at 8:50. However, Thursday mornings this half term and Tuesday mornings next half term I will be on the gate so you can also catch me there.

Reading

Reading takes place daily at school, whether your child is reading his or her reading book to an adult, reading a library book, reading as part of a guided reading session with the teacher or reading as an intrinsic part of daily lessons. However, it is also essential that children read regularly at home as well. Children should be aiming to read about 4 times a week at home; those children who do read at home make much better reading progress. When you hear your child read at home, please note the details in the home school book or Y3/4 could do it themselves for an adult to initial/sign.

Home-School Books

Please remember these books should be in school **daily**, this helps us send messages home and also record reading. As I will not see everyone's book on a daily basis, if there is a note for me then your child must be aware that he/she needs to bring it to my attention or I may miss it. It is important that children have a bag to transport their belongings to and from school.

Homework

Please see the note in your child's CGP reading homework book.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can all parents/carers provide a water bottle for their child, children get thirsty during the day. It is difficult to concentrate if you need a drink.



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Class 2 Curriculum Coverage

Our main topic this half term will be '**Dazzling Decades**'; we will be covering a lot:

Through **History**: children will look at a different decade each week beginning with the forties and moving through to the nineties and maybe the millennium. We will study the music, fashion and influential events or people during each session. I'm hoping to have a 'Decades Day' in the last week of term alongside Class 3 for children to dress up from their favourite decades and do any activities they would like that have been missed. The children created Pop Art pictures of themselves during transition days to start the topic off and they are on display-they all look very different!



Our other subject areas are:

- **Science**- We will be studying Animals including Humans. Science lessons have been moved to the mornings so they will be split into Year 2 lessons and Y3/4 lessons, which Miss Wilkie will support with. Children will investigate about their bodies as well as looking at animal food chains. Y3/4 will focus mainly on the digestive system (I'm afraid that does include poo!) Y2 will look at what animals and humans need to survive as well as how to be healthy and life cycles.
- **RE** – Ch'n will be looking at 'Jesus-an inspiration'.
- **PSCHE** - this half term will look at Going for Goals, also we will cover some of our Reflected sessions that focus on Growth Mindset.
- **Music** –We are doing Young Voices again-whoop whoop! As well as using music from the different decades as stimulus during our topic sessions.
- **PE** –Tuesday: Basic Skills/stamina training led by Mr Warriner- fitness fun to get us all back in shape after the holidays!
Thursday: Swimming which myself and Miss Wilkie will accompany them for. I'm also going to try and fit some jiving/disco dancing into our topic lessons at some point! (PE KITS needed Tuesday and should stay until Friday and Swimming kit needs to be here first thing Thursday).
- **Computing** –E-Safety will be the focus this half term. It is important in the age we live in with technology and social media that children can be internet safe.
- **French**– we will continue to progress through aspects of the French language, following the NYCC coverage. Y2 will learn through song. Y3 will begin with family and all about me.
- **ART**-Pop Art linked to our Dazzling Decades topic.
- **Outdoor learning**-Although we don't have Forest Schools I will do an outdoor learning session each week-there will be different focuses including curriculum areas such as maths/English through the outdoors. Following some training I had last year there will be a whole school gardening focus. We are going to be continuing some work from a couple of years ago on gardening and woodland awards so gardening and the environment will have a big focus too. This links to health and well-being.

Miss Goodchild

sowing seeds ~ bearing fruit ~ harvesting potential