



## HUSTHWAITE and SESSAY CE PRIMARY FEDERATION and Husthwaite Apple Tree Nursery

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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 safe and well. Last academic year was an unprecedented one and meant a whole new way of learning. We are now back to school 'normally' but with a few adjustments such as the staggered starts and collection times. I'm hoping it will be a smooth transition for all the children. There will still be differences in place for the children such as the extra handwashing and me spraying surfaces more often; however, we will be back as a whole class working together for the whole week. This first week back we have had a significant focus on settling back into the school routine, getting used to the systems and routines for Class 2, reintroducing ourselves and coming together as a class again.

#### Class Routines

In Class 2 we will still start with high expectations for both attitude and learning, but making sure there is plenty of focus on well-being as well due to the missed schooling they had last year. There will be some consolidation work from the previous year particularly in areas such as maths and phonics. This is always a tricky transition for the Y2 children because they move into a more formal environment; bear with us they will get used to it but will find it tiring too. **Tuesdays** will now be our Sports Coach day so please **come in PE kit** for the day. Our other PE session will be **Wednesday** afternoons in the form of Forest Schools so children **should come in clothing appropriate for that activity and will wear it for the day** (plenty of layers, as waterproof as possible and gloves etc if it is cold). Miss Wilkie will take the class on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Houghton whilst I undertake leadership duties. She will also take the class Tuesday afternoons for ART/DT and PE with the Sports Coach.

**Punctuality** the teaching day begins at 8:40 now in Class 2 and there are Early Bird activities each morning as well as all needing to wash our hands. It's also important children are on time due to the staggered entry times.

#### 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 do make 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, children are now allowed to bring a book bag to transport their things.

#### Homework

Please see the note in your child's home-school 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 and under the current restrictions I am unable to lend out bottles and



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cups, it's important children have their own that no one else has touched. I would also appreciate bottles that are not twist caps because children will be keeping them under their chair.

**Class 2 Curriculum Coverage**

Our main topic this half term will be '**Local Study**'.

I am aware my class covered this last year but the long-term plan has been updated so that the Federation are covering the same topics within year groups. I will of course make sure they are getting new experiences and not repeating activities from last year.

Through **History**: children will look at changes in the local area over time.

Through **Geography** we will be comparing areas such as rural and coastal.

I am hoping to take the children out on one or two trips over the autumn term.

Our other subject areas are:

- **Science**- 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.  
**Y2 are covering Living things and their habitats. Y3/4 will begin with Rocks.**
- **RE** – Ch'n will be looking at 'What does it mean to be a Christian living in Britain today?'
- **PSCHE** - this half term will look at: How can we be a good friend and How can we treat each other with respect.
- **Music** – Children will be given their own recorder to keep in their tray and we will also be using the Charanga unit: Bringing us together.
- **PE** –Tuesday: Trigolf training led by our Sports Coach - fitness fun to get us all back in shape after the holidays!  
Wednesday: Forest Schools led by Mr Haughton.
- **Computing** –this half term our focus will be Coding. We will use Purple Mash and Scratch.
- **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 Moi (greetings and introducing themselves

*Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.*

Miss Goodchild

**sowing seeds ~ bearing fruit ~ harvesting potential**