



I am really looking forward to teaching your child again this year in Year 2! This year our continent in focus for Year 2 is Africa, we will be doing lots of work learning about this diverse continent and will be showcasing some of the things we have learned in our **class assembly on Thursday 17th October at 9am**, parents are welcome to attend!



Mrs Lock will be teaching the class Monday- Friday. Mr Marston will teach the class on a Tuesday initially until the return of Mrs Mayo. Mrs Cross will be supporting the class on Monday mornings and Mrs Sharkey will be supporting the class in the mornings Tuesday-Friday.

We begin school at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

Children will enter the class via the Year 2/3 cloakroom. If parents need to pass on a message/speak to the teacher, please use Class Dojo or call the school office if it is urgent. At the end of the day, each child will be dismissed one at a time to ensure they all go to the correct adult and don't wander off. With so many parents around, it can sometimes be tricky to spot the correct one. To help, please could you wave when your child is at the **front** of the line and if possible, come closer to the door rather than gather at the bottom of the playground.

Things to remember each day:

Water bottle, book bag and coat.
Please only put water in their bottle and not juice/cordial.

Snack money

£1 per week or £7 for this half term. Children will be given a snack at morning play such as toast, brioche, malt loaf, rice cakes, waffles etc. Alternatively, children can bring in fruit (not cereal bars/ crisps etc.)



PE days

Wednesday and Thursday, please come dressed in PE kits on these days. This includes school jumper, white t-shirt, navy blue/black joggers or leggings in cooler weather and trainers.

Reading books – Check the front of your child's reading record for their changing day – days TBC. Don't underestimate the power of reading on your child's progress at school, it makes a huge impact on their overall learning progression. Support your child in decoding unfamiliar words and attempting to sight read repetitive or high frequency words. It can be helpful to re-read the book again over the week to increase their confidence and fluency.

Homework

We believe that homework should be purposeful and manageable. **Reading should be done every night.**

Spellings will be sent home to learn each week and be **tested on a Tuesday** (starting next week). Each week, children will practise their **handwriting** in class, these sheets will be sent home to complete if not finished in class, and to keep you informed of expectations for handwriting and how well your child is doing. We will also be sending out this half-term's maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) next week. From time to time, other homework may be set as and when needed, such as extra practise or catch-up tasks.



Rewards

In Year 2 we use several reward systems. Individually children will receive verbal praise, stickers and House Team Points. As a whole class we are working together to earn dojo points, e.g. when everyone has worked hard or when all children are sat smartly and ready. We will be working towards a whole class reward with these points, once we earn 250 we can have 5mins extra play, 500 cupcake treat etc.

Mrs Lock

Please keep checking on ClassDojo for further announcements.

We will also be posting lots of pictures of what we are up to in class!

