

## Welcome to Year 2

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### Independence

As you will appreciate, in Year 2 the children are expected to become independent learners and we like to make a prompt start. Please help us by saying goodbye to your child in the playground and ensuring they come into the classroom with their belongings on their own so they can put everything away themselves. We have an open door policy and can deal with quick queries at the start of the school day. If you would like a more in depth and confidential discussion we can arrange to see you at the end of the day, when we have more time to talk to you.

### Reading

The children are able to change their reading book independently first thing in the morning, so please do remind them if they need to do this. This book is to read to you at home. They will also receive a phonics book that can also be changed when necessary. They will also receive a small paper phonics book weekly that will be theirs to keep. This will link directly to the phonics taught each week in class. Your child will receive a sticker in their reading record with a PIN number on to access 'Rhino Readers' which are phonically decodable books matched to the reading level of your child. Please complete their reading diary when they read each day. This diary will be looked at by a member of the Year 2 team and children who read at least five times during the week will become a 'champion reader'. They can also choose to bring home a longer 'chapter' book to be shared with you and can be changed when needed. Children will also have the opportunity to take home a book from the school library regularly.

### Homework

The children will be given a homework grid at the beginning of each term, which will be stuck into their homework books. Please do use the homework books to record the homework directly into if possible. Maths targets will be put in the homework book too and will be tested and updated throughout each term. They may also be given other homework tasks to complete throughout the year.

Every Thursday we ask the children to hand in their homework books (there will be a box provided).

### P.E.

Children need to come to school in their PE uniform on a PE day. Please see the uniform requirements and the PE timetable for dates – P.E timetable will be on the newsletter.

For your child's safety please also ensure that long hair is tied back. Preferably earrings should be taken out, or surgical tape provided to cover the earrings during P.E.

### Coats

All children must have a **named** coat in school, as we go out to play every day, come rain or shine.

### Water bottles

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day, so please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water please) in school.

### Forest Schools

Forest schools involves using the outdoor environment to enhance learning and we use the forest throughout the year so appropriate clothing is essential. Your child should bring wellington boots as soon as possible in Term 1, these need to be kept in school – please name these items.

We look forward to a positive partnership with you over the coming year,

The Year Two Team