



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Autumn Term 2



Friday 5th November

Dear Class 2 Parents/Carers

Welcome back after a relaxing half term break. We hope you had a chance to enjoy the lovely Autumn trees and embrace the changes in the seasonal weather. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school for another busy and fun packed term!

We would like to start by thanking you all for your support during our first term together and for remaining flexible. We are very proud of how Class 2 have settled down to a new setting and teachers. We had a very successful Pyjama Day in Term 1 across EYFS and Key Stage 1 and would like to thank you for your kind donations for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation. We look forward to talking again on Zoom to Amanda Butler to complete our learning about African endangered animals.

Topic:

Following on from our Creation topic last term, we are continuing to explore animals in science and Africa as part of our Geography focus. We look forward to learning about Kenya in more detail and comparing life in Kenya to life in Swindon.

Phonics Screening:

We are preparing the children in Class 2 for the phonics screening test. This check will take place during the week commencing 22nd November and will

assess how well your child can use phonics to read words. This assessment is carried out 1-1 with the class teacher and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. We allow the children every opportunity to gently prepare for this phonics check, by exposing them to the format, by allowing them to practice on their own and in a whole class situation and by providing them with sound phonics teaching through their normal day-to-day lessons and learning experiences. The Phonics Play website (<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase5Menu.htm>) also has some free games, such as Picnic on Pluto, Buried Treasure and Dragons Den, which are great for reinforcing phonics knowledge. They have an even better impact when a child and adult play together. If you have any questions, please email the office and a member of the Year 2 team will be happy to answer them. Children who don't reach the expected standard in this round will have an opportunity to take the screening test again in June 2022.

Nativity:

We are planning to record our Nativity this year. Year 2 will take the lead roles and we will send home information regarding costumes as soon as possible.

P.E.:

Due to a timetable change, we will have an extended PE session in Year 2 on a Monday afternoon. There will be no PE session on a Thursday. As you are already aware, on PE days, the children will be expected to arrive into school and go home from school in appropriate seasonal PE clothes, including trainers for the Golden mile. PE kit consists of: trainers, green jogging bottoms, white school T-shirt and green shorts. If your child wears earrings, these will need to be either removed for P.E. days or medical tape can be kept in their P.E. bag for your child to cover them up (the children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape).

Home Learning:

Thank you for your support in working with your children regularly with spellings at home. We would like the children to put at least half of their spellings into sentences as a weekly home learning task. We expect the children to read on most school nights and again appreciate your support with this. Please ensure that you record any reading the children do at home as we reward reading effort at home with gem points. Along with this letter, you should also have a copy of your child's Pick and Mix home-learning which we will share weekly with the class.

As a quick checker- our home learning expectations are:

Reading - most school nights, recorded in reading record.

Spellings- practise and put at least half of spellings into sentences in spelling book.

Maths- Nippy numbers - practise the bonds your child is focusing on ready for Nippy Numbers on a Wednesday.

Pick and Mix- one piece per week as instructed on the Pick and Mix sheet.

Value:

Our school value this term is Compassion. These are the aspects of this value we will be focusing on:

Compassion

Costly caring

Offering help

Making a difference

Putting others first

Always listening

Sensitive to suffering

Service in action

Interested in others

Offering care and concern

Noticing a need.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send a message to the school office and we will contact you as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jones, Mrs Vukelic and Mrs Baranwal.