Welcome to Year 2

Welcome to children and parents of Year 2. I am Mrs. Harrild the Year 2 class teacher. This year Mr. Halstead, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Connolly will sometimes be helping in Year 2 too. We hope that we will all have another happy and successful year.

The following is some useful information about Year 2.

**P.E**

P.E lessons take place throughout the year but the days of these lessons changes half termly. Sometimes we have P.E specialist coaches who come to teach e.g. football skills, so it is a good idea to have P.E. kits in school every day. It is best if the children keep their kits in school for the half term and then they can be taken home for washing in the holidays.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit. All children should have pumps, a white T-shirt and blue shorts. As outdoor P.E. is part of the curriculum it would be a good idea for the children to have jogging pants/leggings and a sweatshirt (preferably blue or black) for the colder weather.

**MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED!**

**Homework**

Year 2 children will bring home a list of homework activities at the beginning of each half term to be completed at times which are convenient to you and your children. Children are expected to complete and return homework on the date requested. There may be additional homework at times.

**Spellings**

Children may also have a spelling list sent home on Mondays, linked to their phonics learning for the week. Please help them to learn these spellings, which will then be assessed on the Friday of the same week.

**Reading Books**

All children will read in school each week at some point and so it is important that the children have their books in school **every day**. Children should, ideally, read at home each day and it is important that you indicate and sign the pages read in the reading record book. Please feel free to comment on your child’s reading too. (Children should not sign their own reading record book.) Please keep reading books in a school reading book bag to keep clean and dry.

**SATS**

Year 2 children are required to complete Standardised Assessment Tests (SATS) in the summer term. Please be assured that we do not tell the children they are completing tests and the children will work through special booklets. We advise that you do not mention these to your children either as we do not want the children to feel pressurized. There will be further information nearer the time.

**Uniform**

Please make sure **ALL** items of clothing, including P.E kits, are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

**Toys**

Children must **not** bring toys to school, including footballs.

(unless requested for use in lessons)

**Attendance and Lateness**

It is essential that children are in school on time. Many lessons begin at 9.00 a.m. and if your child is late then they miss important explanations. **Please make school aware of who will be collecting your child at the end of the day, if this is different from normal.**

**Finally, there will be a short ‘Meet the Teacher’ opportunity at 9:00 straight after registration on Tuesday 11th September**, where we will introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about the year ahead. It will be held in the Year 2 classroom. We hope to see you there!

*\*Please note that we will not be discussing SATs at all in the meeting as the children may be there with you and we don’t want them to start worrying about them. One note on this, though, is that we will never refer to them to the children as ‘SATs’ or ‘tests’. Instead, when the time comes, we will call them ‘Special booklets’ as our main aim is to help the children learn and enjoy Year 2!*

*We will give you more information about SATs later in the year. Again, this is purely for your information and isn’t something to worry about!*

We hope that the children have a fantastic time in Year 2. There are many exciting things to look forward to - including lots of interesting topics such as The Great Fire of London and Antarctica, and many special events, including class assemblies, Christmas activities, family learning workshops and much, much more!

If you would ever like to see me, I am available most afternoons after school. (This is a better time than before school.)

Mrs. K. Harrild