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**Reminder**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the wearing of jewellery in school is strongly discouraged. Earrings of any description must be removed for PE lessons. If your child cannot manage to remove their earrings by themselves, please ensure that they do not wear them on PE days. If they cannot be removed, please can you provide tape so that they can be taped over.

**The school day starts at 8.55 am and your child should be in the playground by then. Late arrivals do disrupt the class and it is unsettling to the child concerned.**

The register is sent to the office by 9.10 am.

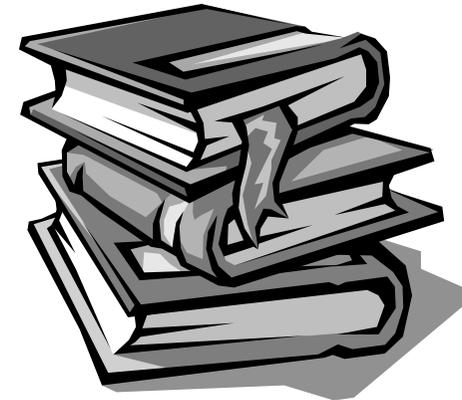
If you arrive after this, please go to the office to inform them.

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# Year 2 Information

**2017/2018**



Dear Parents

This booklet is to let you know about the year ahead.

These are some of the ways you can help your child at home over the year:

- by helping them with their **reading**

Your child is encouraged to change the book in their book-bag as often as they can (ideally every day for shorter books). Please make sure their book bag is in school every day. There are book bags available at the office. There is a reading record book for you and your child to write comments about the book. Please refer to the reading skills book mark that is attached to the reading record to guide your comments. We ask that you hear your child read every day, if possible, and discuss the story and characters. Ask them to retell the story, make predictions, give details of their favourite part, etc. We encourage children to read a wide range of books, not just reading scheme books.

- by helping them to learn their **spellings**

Spellings are sent home in a booklet for the term. Please follow the dates in the booklet to ensure you are learning the correct week! Tests will be on a Friday. Please could you help your child use the look/cover/say/write and check method.

- by encouraging your child to practise **handwriting**

When they are doing their writing homework please encourage your child to think about writing neatly and keeping their writing on the line.

- by helping them to learn **number bonds** and **times tables**

Please help your child to learn by heart number bonds to 10, e.g.  $4+6=10$ ,  $5+5=10$ ; number bonds to 20; also adding other pairs of one digit numbers, e.g.  $8+5=13$ . When your child is able to do the above, please help them to learn the 2x, 10x and 5x tables.

### Homework

Regular homework will be sent out on Fridays in a folder. There will be spellings, Maths and Literacy or Topic work every week. These must be completed, and returned, by the following Wednesday. Please try to ensure that homework is completed as it is linked to and reinforces school work.

### Parent Helpers

We are always grateful for any offers of help (particularly with individual reading and schools trips) and the children enjoy having parents in school too. If you can spare any time, please let us know, and sign up on the class list or see your child's

teacher. If you can, we also ask you to speak to the office to get a safeguarding check – this is easy and straight forward.

### Clothing

Your child is expected to have a white T-shirt and black shorts for PE, and appropriate outdoor shoes, e.g. trainers, for outdoor games. PE kit may be left in school in a named bag. Long hair should also be tied back on a PE day. PE lessons for both Year 2 classes are on:

- **Tuesday and Thursday (2.1) Tuesdays and Fridays (2.2)**

It is really helpful, however, if the kit is brought to/ left in school every day as sometimes PE times need to change.

We ask that your child has a pair of indoor shoes as well as outdoor, to avoid transferring mud onto carpets and clothing in the classrooms. Please name all shoes and clothing so that any mislaid items can be returned to you. There is also a Lost Property box in each cloakroom so you may like to come in if you need to find lost items.

### Water bottles

Please bring in a named water bottle. Drinking water during the day helps the children's concentration. We prefer not to provide a cup for drinking as it is unhygienic for the children to share.

### Toys

Please may we remind you that toys should not be brought into school. Only items that are related to the topic may be brought in, as long as they are not valuable. We look forward to working together with you to make this a successful and happy year.

Thank you from the Year 2 team.

**Class 2.1:** Ms Clifford with Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Tutton, Mrs Gillings and Miss Stuart.

**Class 2.2:** Miss. Papworth with Mrs Bharadwa, Mrs. Blower, Mrs Gillings and XX.

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