

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school, we have missed you and it is great to see you all back and happy.

We are now starting to settle into the new term in our two new classes and we hope that this will be an exciting and challenging year for your child. We will be doing our very best to make sure that they have an excellent year and we hope that you will encourage your child to do their best in school.

There will be many differences this year and you can read the information from Mrs Smith about the safety precautions that we have put in place to ensure we are all as safe as can be. Please use the home/school communication books to pass on any messages, appointments to see us will have to be made in advance and please use the books to arrange any meetings.

We have outlined some of the key expectations for Year 2 below.

### **Phonics**

We will regularly be assessing your child's phonics' knowledge in preparation for the Phonics screening which will take place in November. Children will be expected to practise and revise their sounds at home, please encourage and support your child with this. (Please see attached Phonics Screening information for Parents on our year group page found on our school website).

### **Spellings**

After we have assessed the children on their phonics knowledge, we will set them weekly spellings accordingly. Children will have a weekly spelling test every **Wednesday**. Please practise the Year 2 common exception words alongside these.

### **Times Tables & Number bonds**

We will continue to send home number bond books with number bonds to practise on **Mondays**; these need to be back in the following Monday ready for the next test. This year, children will be tested daily on their times tables. Please continue to support your child with this at home by regularly asking them times table questions.

### **Reading**

Children should be reading at home **daily**. A good routine is essential for this. The reading records allow you and your child to record how much reading is being done and comment on what has been read. Children will bring home colour banded books which they need to read at home and bring into school every day. Books will be changed twice weekly. Please continue to read with your child, even if they are a confident reader. Asking them questions about the text they are reading will help to support their comprehension skills.

### **Water Bottles**

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school. Your child's water bottle will be sent home every day to be cleaned and **must** be returned the next day.

### **PE**

Your child must have the appropriate PE kit in school **every day**; these kits will be sent home on **Fridays** to be cleaned and must be returned on **Monday**.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss McAvoy & Ms Hinchliff**

**Year 2 Teachers**