

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2.

We are really looking forward to teaching your children and spending the year getting to know them all really well. Our class TA is Miss Todd, she will be working with us to support the children with their learning. We have some really exciting learning for the children for this half term.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time during the year you are always welcome to come in to have a chat, we are in school early each morning and we can easily arrange a time to meet.

Summer Memory Book

Thank you to all the children who shared their Summer Memory Books, if you can bring yours in this week they will make a gorgeous display.

We would just like to share some information you may find helpful, apologies if we repeat anything you already know.

P.E. : This half term we have:

Wednesday – Yoga (Jacqui from Cocoon)

Friday – Netball (Pennine Partnership)

Please could you provide a suitable kit of shorts / joggers and a t- shirt, this includes trainers. The kit can be left at school on the children's peg so that they don't have to remember it every day.

Reading: Reading is the key to enabling the children to access all areas of the curriculum and experience success in their learning. This will be a focus for us this year, with the children reading each day in school. In addition, the reading the children do at home is invaluable, and any time you can spend with them to encourage their reading will help them become fluent readers.

Please can they have their book bag in school every day.

They will bring their book bag home every night and can change their book as frequently as they wish.

This will be their responsibility and they will have time to do this during the day, or you can come in before or after school to help them.

Each time they read at home please can you record it in the yellow book we have given them.

PAL: The children will have a PAL book in which to complete their PAL, which they will bring home most Fridays. PAL is intended to support the

children with their learning, and will link with what we have been learning during the week. Please feel free to complete as much or little as you would like your child to do. It is optional, we know weekends can be busy and it is not intended to be a burden. It would help us if you could return the PAL book by Wednesday of the following week so we can mark it and get it ready for the next week, thank you.

PARENT HELP:

It is really valuable having parents and grandparents involved with the children's learning and if at any time you would like to come in and help in class we would always appreciate it. Whether you have expertise in a particular area or would just like to be part of the children's experiences in school, they love it!

*Reading Groups *

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to support us with reading each morning. We hope to set up a reading timetable for each morning from 9 to 9.30 so that every group can read with an adult, if you would still like to help us with this please come and let us know.

Kind regards
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