



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Autumn Term 1



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Class 2 Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to Year 2! We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are as excited as we are about being back at school to begin a brand new academic year. Along with this letter, you will also receive a copy of this term's topic web which provides an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for the Autumn term. The children will be returning to school and adapting to new teachers and routines, a new learning environment and expectations. We will be supporting the children through all of these new experiences and helping them with their transition into Class 2.

Topic:

During Term 1, our topic will be "Where in the World?" and include looking at where the Earth is situated within the solar system. The topic will be introduced through the book "Here We Are," by Oliver Jeffers. Throughout the term we will be using a range of books to help us to explore in greater detail including "Welcome to our World" and "Poems from a Green and Blue Planet." We will become scientists, geographers, artists and writers throughout this topic as we investigate all of the wonderful things our world has to offer and think about what we can do to protect our planet.

Reading:

This year, Class 2 will use the newly purchased Big Cat reading scheme which was introduced in EYFS last year. The children will be reading in a group three times a week and then that book they have practised all week will be sent home to read to their families. The book will only contain phonics with which children are secure and they should be able to read the book with fluency and accuracy. We would like your child to read this book to you every day for the next week, when it will be changed for their next reading book. It is vitally important that the children read the books many times in order that they develop as fluent and expressive readers with good understanding of the text. Re-reading a book they can read well doesn't mean it is too easy, it means they are being given opportunities to consolidate and embed tricky words, GPCs (sounds) and high frequency words. Your child will also take home a "sharing book" which is a book for parents to read to/with their children. The new books must be looked after carefully please as, if we lose just one book, the whole set becomes unusable. We would appreciate it if you could leave the book (which will be given out in a plastic wallet) in your child's book bag and only take it out for your child to read before putting it back in the book bag. Can we also ask that you don't put

water bottles into book bags to ensure there are no spillages leading to soggy pages! Many thanks for your help and support with this.

Spellings:

The children will be set spellings each week and will be tested in school every **Friday**. The spellings will then be marked and given out with new spellings on a **Monday**. The first set of spellings will be handed out on **Monday 16th September** in preparation for the children's first test on **Friday 20th September**. Children are encouraged to practise their spellings at home in the front of their spelling books with parental support. Spelling tests will be recorded in the back of the spelling book so you are able to view your child's progress. The best spellers are those who practise a little every day!

Phonics:

Phonics teaching will be daily and follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Programme. In June, all children who did not pass their phonics screening in Year 1 will retake the Phonics Screening Check. This is to monitor children's phonetic and reading ability. Further information will follow.

Number Facts:

We will be introducing Nippy Numbers soon. This aims to increase the speed at which the children can recall number facts to aid their calculation and problem solving skills in lessons. Please do not write anything in the book. The book is a means of communication between school and home so you know how your child is getting on in their weekly 'test'. You do not need to write anything down and can complete this home learning completely orally. Matching games are also a good way of helping children to remember the facts. The aim is for your child to know the facts without needing to use their fingers to work them out. We shall be approaching the test in a friendly way. We will tell the children they will do a weekly 'nippy number quiz' and they will be encouraged to answer as many questions as they can in one minute. Your child will be moved onto the next stage in our number bond system if they score 10/10 for two weeks or 9/10 for three weeks. We are also launching Numbots this term which is a program to support understanding and rapid recall of number facts further. Watch this space - logins coming soon!

PE:

In addition to the daily 'Golden Mile', the children will have P.E. on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on these days and it would also be useful for your child to have jogging bottoms (green or black) for the colder months. 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). Any children with long hair must always have their hair tied back.

Values:

In Term 1 we will be learning all about "Thankfulness".

Thinking of good things
Happy memories
All creation praising God
Not taking anything for granted
Keeping focused on the positive
Feeling blessed
Understanding the sacrifices people make for us
Living joyfully
Not complaining
Expressing gratitude to God
Saying thank you to those who help us
Showing gratefulness by our deeds.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone or make an appointment via the School Office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Class 2 team.

Mrs dos Santos, Mrs Vukelic, Mrs Tidy and Mrs Butler