



10th September 2021

Dear Year 2 and 3 Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school and hope that you have enjoyed the summer break. The children are all settling in well to the new Class 2 group and we have had a busy first week and a half!

This Year Class 2 has a brilliant team of teachers each with different areas of expertise: Mrs Norton will be teaching literacy, maths, topic (history and geography), computing and forest school; Mrs Hargreaves will be teaching writing, maths, PSHE and RE; Mrs Taylor will be teaching art and DT; Mrs Lewis will be teaching science and well-being; Miss Perez will be teaching music and Spanish; and Mrs Cook will be teaching PE; and Miss Demery will also be on hand to support learning in various subjects.

Spelling will be taught daily following the Purple Mash spelling scheme and there will be a list of words to learn at home each week. These will be sent home on Thursdays and put on Google classroom. Pupils should practise at home ready for a test in class on Mondays.

There will be a whole class focus times table each week. The homework grid will include suggestions for practising and developing times tables knowledge. We would also love it if everyone could log on to TT Rockstars at home regularly – this is a great way to practise tables.

Pupils will have a home reading book, which they should bring in to school daily. Ideally everyone should read at home every day and at least 3 times a week. When reading at home please make a note into the reading journal so that we can praise you for all the reading that you have done.

On a Tuesday, pupils will bring home a talk homework sheet and it will also be posted on Google classroom. Talk homework is exactly that – just talking! There is no need to make notes. We would simply like pupils to have the opportunity to chat at home in order to generate ideas and vocabulary ready for the “Big Write” session, which takes place each Friday.

Each half term we will send home a homework grid. The grid will include reminders about times tables, spelling, home reading and mental maths practise, which all pupils should do. In addition, it will include ideas and suggestions linked to our topic - feel free to invent activities and projects of your own if you wish. Some families like to do a lot of homework, whilst others prefer to just stick to the required elements. We will send home a homework book which you can record your work in and bring in at the end of each half-term.

Class 2 will do PE on Tuesdays and Forest School or Art on Thursdays and Year 3 will have swimming on Fridays. This first half-term, Class 2 are having Forest School sessions and next half-term they will have Art. The first half-term after Christmas will be Forest School again for Class 2, and so on.

Our topic this term is ‘I’m an achiever!’

In our literacy lessons we will link our learning to the achievements of the stone age people and the advancements made during that period of history, as well as reflecting on the journeys and achievements of a range of amazing individuals - both real and imaginary. We will be writing a narrative using the book 'Stone Age Boy' as inspiration. We will also learn about information texts and write fact files and instructions using imperative verbs. In RE we will look at stories and examples of perseverance, resilience and determination across a range of religions.

In maths, Mrs Hargreaves will be looking at gathering and presenting data, measuring and shape. Mrs Norton will be looking at number; place value, addition and subtraction and money.

This half-term we will focus on the 3 times table initially and will move on to the 4 times table.

In science, the children have begun learning about health and nutrition and, after half-term, they will be learning about rocks and soils.

Our history focus is prehistory - the stone age to iron age; we will look at timelines to help us understand how long ago these periods were, learn about the achievements from the stone age to the iron age, and learn about what life was like in the stone age settlement of Skara Brae and why it was such a special archaeological find. After half-term, the focus will be geography. We will look at maps and aerial photographs to identify landmarks, use and develop our maps skills and get outside to carry out observations.

In computing, we will learn about online safety, coding and spreadsheets.

Please remember to keep checking Google classroom where we will post copies of homework and other relevant information or sometimes photos of what we have been up to in school. The School Photo Gallery will continue to have the Celebration assemblies posted on it, so do have a look there too!

All children should bring in a water bottle to keep in class with them during the day and, as Class 2 eat their lunch at 12.30, a healthy snack for morning breaktime helps to keep the energy levels up!

If there is anything you wish to discuss, the best way to contact us is via email. We are around for quick queries or phone calls on our working days and we can make appointments if there is something to talk about in more detail.

Mrs Norton is in school all day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Mrs Hargreaves is in school all day Tuesdays and Friday mornings.

We are looking forward to the year ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Norton