

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and to Year 2! We have got an exciting year ahead of us and I am looking forward to welcoming the children back into school! The Welcome Meeting will take place on Wednesday 04th September at 3.30pm in the Year 2 classroom.

Our PE days for this half term will be **Monday** and **Friday**. The children may continue to attend school in their PE kit on these days, as well as if they have a sports after school club. PE kit consists of black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and navy PE hoodie. The children may wear black trainers every day as we will regularly make use of our running track.

The school day will remain familiar to the children. They should arrive through the playground gate between **08.45-08.55** where they will be greeted by class adults and Year 6 children.

Once the children arrive in class, they will store their **bookbags** in their trays and coats in the cloakroom before beginning their morning task. This will be followed each day by guided reading, maths, spelling and English sessions before lunch. The rest of the curriculum will take place in the afternoon. This involves History, Geography, PSHE, Science, PE, Music, Art, Design & Technology and Computing. Subject information pages can be found on the Year 2 page of our website.

The children are still entitled to a free snack at playtime and a free lunch in Year 2. They should have a refillable water bottle in school everyday. At the end of the day, the children will exit through the playground gate and be dismissed by class adults.

As the weather begins to change, please ensure that the children have a coat in school everyday as we will be making the most of our outdoor spaces. It would also be brilliant if the children could have an old or oversized t-shirt (perhaps an old one of mum or dad's) to keep in school for the year that they can wear when we are doing Art/D&T to avoid spoiling any uniform!

The children will continue to have a message book this year. This will primarily be used for communicating with you around any issues that occur during the school day and updates about behaviour. Other messages or queries will continue to be sent and received through the admin email address (below) so that they may be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

The children will have a home reading book that they will bring home to share. They will also have access to our class library, however these books will remain in school to avoid them becoming tattered and tired in bookbags! The children also have eBooks access that they can use to login from home and read the assigned texts.

Our class spellings will be sent home each half term and a weekly spelling check will take place on a Friday. We will also be completing a maths challenge each week in Year 2 to support us in building our number bond knowledge and fluency, preparing for the around the world challenge in Key Stage 2! Reading regularly at home is of paramount importance as this will have the most impact on your child's progress across the curriculum. Reading records will be checked in school on your child's guided reading day.

We appreciate your continuing support with fundraising as this enables us to significantly reduce the cost of trips and visits, which are important to bring learning to life for children. This term our Year 2 cake sale will be on Friday 22nd November. Any donations of cakes to sell will be much appreciated.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

Mr W Slocombe