

### New beginnings

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 2! We are very much looking forward to getting to know you and working together so we have a very successful, exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer!

### General Reminders...

- All children need to have the correct school uniform on, this includes a jade green polo shirt and tartan tie. The girls need to wear a tartan kilt or pinafore dress and the boys grey trousers or tartan shorts. Please ensure each item of uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- The children will be doing **PE** on a **Monday** in Year 2 and will need a full PE kit in school, including black shorts, green T shirt and black PE pumps all items need to be clearly labelled and kept in a school draw string bag.
- Swimming will be on a **Thursday** starting **14th September**. The cost will be **£1 a session for swimming or £10 for the term**. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them on this day.
- (It is vital that children who wear earrings have these removed on the days they will be doing P.E. as it is a legal requirement, the teachers will not be responsible for this and any child who has earrings in on those days will be asked to remove these themselves or miss P.E.)
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and give things in after the register.
- We will always send letters home about any events or trips which may be planned and there is a parents section on the classroom windows to remind you of any information you may need, please check this on a regular basis to keep up to date on events in our

#### IMPORTANT

There will be a meeting for **all Year 2 parents** at **8.45 Friday morning** (8th September) in Green class.

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- New school water bottles are now available to buy from the office for

### REMINDER:

Year 2 is a crucial year in your child's development. Please ensure they are in school on time and completing all their homework so not to miss any

### Transition from Year 1 to Year 2

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Year One into Year Two. The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had previously throughout the school, with some new and exciting topics over the year, we hope to

### Helping your child at home

You will have noticed a laminated card in your child's book bag which gives you some ideas on how you might help your child with reading, writing and mathematics. We really appreciate your comments in your child's reading record which is why we will reward them every time they read at home.

- Maths challenges will be sent home on a Monday and are due in the following Monday, as will Key Word cards to read and spell. Your child will also have a Grammar card to prepare them for the Grammar SAT in May.

### Reading in Year 2...

Reading is an important part of the curriculum and children are encouraged to be reading at home as well as in school. Your child will be given a reading book to bring home and children are expected to be reading to an adult every night and this noted in their reading records.

In addition to this, there has been specific reading time planned into our daily routine so that each child has the opportunity to be listened to by the teachers in the class at least twice a week.

### **Our shared reading books for this half term are:**

Traction Man is here!, Traction Man meets Turbo Dog, Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey by Mini Grey. Max by Bob Graham,

### Finally...

If any parents/carers have any concerns or worries about the coming year, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us, we are here to help. The sooner we know about any problems, the sooner we can work together in order to solve them. You can also contact us via email and we will reply as soon as possible. Please note if you send an email out of school hours it

may not be the same day. Please do not try

*We look forward to working with you this year.*

*Many thanks,*

*Mrs Bolton, Miss Parrington and Miss Webb*