



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Two!

Mrs Sloss, Mrs Mewett, Miss Harling and I are super proud of how well the children have returned back to school, organised and up for some fun with learning! The children are now reunited in school and it has been great watching old friendships being rekindled and new friendships being forged too.

It has been a strange and for some unsettling past 6 months. Our current main priority is to ensure your children return to a safe, secure, warm and welcoming environment. A place where they can express their feelings and emotions about what has happened and how it has affected them as individuals. It will take some time for your children to adapt to the 'new normal' in school, as it has for us staff, but together we will ensure our health and wellbeing is at the forefront of whatever we strive to achieve.

Our first topic this term is the Great Fire of London. We will be learning about when it happened, the cause of the fire and facts such as how long it lasted. This has always been a very popular topic with the children, particularly as our 'wow finish' to our topic is to have our own 'Great Fire of Wyke' to illustrate to the children how quickly the fire would have spread in 1666. We would have loved you to join us but Covid restrictions prohibit this. However, we will endeavour to make 'The Great Fire Of Wyke' the must see movie of 2020 to be shared on our Google classroom.

PE

The children have PE Thursday afternoons. If the weather is good we will be outside for the session throughout the year so please could you provide your child with some trainers or plimsolls in their PE kit as well as black jogging bottoms and purple sweatshirt, along with black shorts and white t-shirt. We will be focussing on games, striking and fielding as well as working on aspects such as dance and gymnastics. **FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE** – Please can your children come to school in their PE kits on a **Thursday**. This will help us comply with the Covid regulations. The children will also be participating in the daily mile when the weather permits and have regular outside exercise opportunities every day on the abundance of outside equipment, we have at Wyke Infants. The school will be providing every child with a purple hoodie for PE days – meanwhile, the usual purple sweatshirt is fine.

Library

Whilst we operate within our Year 2 'bubble' the library will be closed. However, our bubble will be provided with some appropriate books from the library which the children will be permitted to take home. When the books are returned, they cannot be reissued until a quarantine period of 72 hours has passed. Therefore, we propose to send books home on the Monday, have them returned Friday morning and then reissued the following Monday afternoon. This complies with the Covid regulations.

Read Write Inc / Reading

The children will be heard reading at least once a week by one of the adults in the classroom. The expectation for reading at home remains to be at least 3 times a week which will have a huge impact on the amount of progress your child makes across the year. Managing the swapping of books needs careful administration to ensure the 72-hour quarantine period is adhered to. Whilst we get this process up and running, we would appreciate your feedback recorded in your child's reading record diary.

Your child will also be starting our new phonics programme called Read Write Inc. They will be bringing home a book from this scheme which will link to the reading they are doing in school. Your support in reading this book will greatly improve your child's reading progress. Your child will enjoy the process as they will be familiar with the text and will be confident in their abilities.

Golden Time

On Friday afternoons we have Golden Time as a reward for all our hard work during the week. Currently we ask that the children do not bring in toys from home as this isn't compliant with our Covid risk assessment.

Home Learning

We expect every child to be reading at least 3 times a week at the very least. We appreciate that this is not always possible due to work hours or clubs, but those children who read daily really gain in confidence and make good progress in comparison with those who don't. Your child will also have spellings to learn and they will receive new spellings each Wednesday with the score they received from the spelling practice they did the week before. Dojos will be rewarded for children who are bringing their spelling folders back in completed!

Stay and Learn

There will be no stay and learn sessions for the foreseeable future but we plan to reach out to you in other ways such as Google classroom.

Parent Helpers

Until the Covid restrictions are relaxed we are unable to accept all your kind offers for parent help. However, hopefully the new year will bring new opportunities.

Myself and the Year Two team are very much looking forward to the year ahead with all of the exciting things we have in store, please do not hesitate to come and speak to any of us with concerns, best to resolve things as quickly and swiftly as possible.

Kind Regards

Mr C Brown

Class 2B Teacher and Year 2 leader.