

# Wyke Regis Primary Federation

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**Dear Parents and Carers.**

Welcome to Year 2. The children are settling in really well and have been a pleasure to be around. They are getting to grips with the new routines and expectations and the days are just zipping by.

The whole team is so happy to be back working together with such a great group of children. We're all extremely hopeful that this will be as normal a year as possible. Though we are not insisting on face coverings this term we are still encouraging a rapid drop off and pick up process which has worked really well this week. Could we also ask that you make us aware if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day. As time passes your faces will become familiar but at the moment it would really help. The children are also being asked to clean their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. This is teaching the children to be independent in recognising when is a good time to wash their hands as well as learning good hygiene habits.

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The topic for this half term is The Great Fire of London. We will be starting that learning journey next week. A topic web detailing what your child will be learning accompanies this letter. After half term we'll be learning about Japan. This is a new topic for Year 2 and we're all very excited about the learning we will be undertaking.

PE will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday every week. Please can you ensure that your child adheres to the federation PE kit stipulations. These are black shorts or leggings, white T-shirt, black trainers and the purple Wyke Federation hoodie. We expect the children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please can you make sure all kit is named.

Your child will be bringing home at least 2 reading books a week. They will be given books during their group guided reading sessions. The books will be changed the following week during the next group guided reading session. The details of what day your child will receive their reading books will be detailed in their home reading record diary. Please can you keep these diaries as up to date as possible as they are a great help to us in school when assessing your child's reading development. Please make sure your child's record and books come to school on their reading day.

Your child will also be bringing home some spellings once a week. These will be provided by your child's phonics teacher and will support the learning they are doing in school. Please help your child to practice

these, there are lots of fun ways to learn spellings (see 5 minute mum website for good ideas) and learning them in a fun and practical way.

One last thing to remember – when the weather is hot could you remind your child to bring a hat to school so that they can wear it during playtimes. Your child will also need a refillable bottle of water which they will access throughout the day. Please ensure these items are named.

For the first half of this term, we are operating a cautious approach on our route to normal schooling. We will be having smaller assemblies and limited opportunities for parents to come on site. However, all going well, we are hoping for the second half of the Autumn term to be heading towards more normality, just in time for Christmas.

As always if you have any concerns or need clarification on anything please talk to your child's teacher at the start or end of the day.

Kind regards

Mr Brown

Year 2 Leader