



# Welcome to Year 2



September 2020

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

In our welcome letter in July we mentioned how we hoped the children would settle in well and start Year 2 with “a bang”! Well they certainly have! The Year 2 team have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in and adapted to the “new normal” and we have had such a wonderful time getting to know them. The children have enjoyed painting self-portraits, creating a jigsaw fact-file about themselves for display and exploring what it means to be a good friend through the text, *The Rainbow Fish*. We have also shared with the children our revised “Take Care Values” and it has been so lovely to see how seriously they have been taking them - using them in class and in the playground.

We would also like to thank you for taking the time over the summer holidays to complete the geography homework with the children. We really enjoyed looking at their work today and will be using some of this when we start our new topic “Where would you prefer to live?” on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Following is some information about Year 2 that you may find useful. Additionally, please find enclosed a separate letter detailing our topics in Year 2.

## **Drop off and collection of pupils:**

Many thanks for following the school guidelines for the drop off and collection of pupils. This has been working really well. Just a reminder:

2MH – door between both Year 2 classrooms, opposite the Foundation and Year 1 building

2MP – door between the school sheds and the Year 4 classroom

Drop off: 8.30-8.40

Collection: 3 – 3.10

**Should you wish for your child to be picked up by another adult, we will need written permission.**

## **Messages**

As you can appreciate, picking up and dropping off is taking longer than usual at the moment and the teaching staff need to be on hand to manage the children into the classroom in a safe, socially distanced manner. This of course means that talking to teaching staff is difficult. Should you have a query, please put a written message in the message box provided or call/email the office: [office@abbeyroad.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@abbeyroad.notts.sch.uk)

## **Fruit:**

Fruit is available at school so there is no longer a need to send your child in with a piece of fruit for playtime. If you wish to provide an alternative snack, we ask that it is a healthy option.

## PE:

Usually, PE will take place on a Tuesday with a second session with Mr Haxby on a Wednesday. Currently, all PE kits are kept on the children's pegs. They all have their own peg number and the children have done a brilliant job remembering them!

PE kit: white t-shirt, dark shorts or skort, jumper, trainers

Please ensure PE kits are always in school. They will be sent home at the end of each half term. Warmer clothes such as tracksuits are advisable when the weather changes. PE kits in a drawstring bag please.

## Reading:

Children will have the opportunity to change their book at least once a week. We would encourage you to read with your child on a daily basis – this supports their progress in reading massively. Please sign the reading diary when you have heard your child read. Please ask your child lots of questions about their book to help their understanding. Ideas can be found on the reading target attached to your child's reading diary.

Following morning registration, the children will have whole class guided reading. Some children will continue to be heard on a weekly basis. We will be focussing on comprehension and understanding texts in more detail.

Please ensure your child is here on time, so they do not miss out.

## Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Friday, to be tested on the following Friday.

Children stick their new spellings in their reading diaries – please ensure that they are in school every day. These are words from the Year 2 spelling list or contain Year 2 spelling patterns which will be introduced in class.

**Please note: For the first few weeks of the Autumn term, we will not be sending spellings home yet.**

## Homework

Children will bring home their homework books each week, this will contain a short activity that supports their learning in class and could be based on their work in English, Maths or Learning Challenge.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday, thank you.

## Cloakroom

Currently we cannot store bags and coats in the cloakroom, PE kits only. Please do not send your child in with a rucksack as they are a trip hazard in the classroom. They only need a water bottle, packed lunch (if providing your own), coat and book bag.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Remember there will be a Parent's Evening in October to discuss how your child has settled into Year 2. Details will be sent out in due course.

We are looking forward to a happy and busy year ahead!

The Year 2 Team