



November 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Year 2! We hope you have had a wonderful, spooky half term break!

We were most impressed with how well the children settled in during the first half term. They have been very busy! The children really enjoyed exploring the texts *Meerkat Mail* and *Dear Teacher*, writing wonderful post cards, letters and diaries linked to the texts. The children also particularly enjoyed our yoga lessons, forming yoga poses linked to Autumn. In art, they enjoyed learning about the works of LS Lowry, painting a seascape using Lowry colours and making a collage including matchstick figures.

This half term there are plenty more exciting things planned! We are particularly looking forward to teaching our *Wonder Women* topic, focusing on heroines such as Florence Nightingale and Rosa Parkes. In Art, the children will be learning about photography, taking self-portraits that they will then turn into Warhol style mono prints. For more insight into what we will be covering this half term, please refer to the learning letter.

Following is some additional information about Year 2 that you may find useful.

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:

Thank you for continuing to leave notes in the boxes provided or sending messages via the office. Please note, that under current restrictions, teachers have been advised that they are not allowed to talk to parents in the playground or on school premises to ensure that parents and children are leaving the premises as promptly as possible. Just a reminder of the school office email address: office@abbeyroad.notts.sch.uk

Fruit:

Just to remind you that 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:

We will continue to teach PE twice during the week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please can you make sure your children come dressed for PE on both of these days. On these days, they will need to wear dark jogging bottoms or leggings, a white t-shirt, a dark jumper/hoodie and trainers.

Reading:

Thank you for continuing to read with your children on a daily basis. The children have been making great progress with their reading and we would encourage you to continue reading every day with them as it 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. The children are encouraged to change their books regularly throughout the week.

Following morning registration, we continue to conduct whole class guiding reading in which they develop their comprehension skills.

Numbots:

We have loved hearing about how much the children have been enjoying the Numbots app! We would encourage the children to continue using the app in their spare time!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled, busy half term!

The Year 2 Team