



Welcome to Year 2



September 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 2. We hope that you have had a wonderful break and are rested and excited for a new year. The Year 2 team have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in today and we have had a wonderful time getting to know them. The children have enjoyed painting self-portraits and starting some work on, *The Rainbow Fish*. We have also shared with the children our "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.

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.

All children to be dropped off at the Year 2 door opposite the KS1 block.

Drop off: 8.40-8.50

Collection: 3.25 – 3.30

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

Messages

As you can appreciate, there will be many children coming into school around the same time, therefore we will have a member of staff on duty to say good morning to the children. They will be able to take quick messages but we do appreciate written messages to prevent large gatherings of people outside the classrooms. Alternatively, you can call or email the office: office@abbeyroad.notts.sch.uk who will pass the message on.

Fruit:

Fruit is provided in school for all Year 2 pupils. 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 afternoon with a second session with Mr Facer on a Wednesday afternoon. As the school Newsletter explained: all children are required to attend school in their PE kit on these days. So, **please can your child come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.**

PE kit: white or dark Abbey Road t-shirt, dark shorts or trousers, jumper, trainers

Reading:

Children will have the opportunity to change their book at least twice 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 whenever 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 will complete their test in their Reading Diaries so please ensure they are in school daily. They will stick their new spellings in their reading diaries .

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 Topic work.

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

Numbots and Edshed

We will continue to use the Numbots App to practise their maths skills at home and will be introducing Edshed (Spelling shed) as another way to practise their spellings at home. Their logins will be stuck on the back of their Reading Diaries in due course.

Cloakroom

The children will only be storing their coats in the cloakroom therefore 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

(Mrs Marshall, Mrs Lever, Mrs Turner, Miss Angel, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Malik, Ms Kumari, Mrs Winch, Ms King, Mr Di Miceli)