

## Class 2 Welcome letter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you are looking forward to a relaxing and restful Summer break. We very much looking forward to meeting the children tomorrow where we will be able to tell them a bit more about Class 2 and hopefully settle any nerves they may have about moving class. We also thought it might be helpful for you as parents to have some information about Class 2 before the return to school in September.

**Year 2 staff:** Mrs Voss will teach on a Monday and Miss Redman will teach Tuesday-Friday. Miss Davis will be the class teaching assistant. For first week back (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September) Miss Redman will teach Monday-Thursday and will welcome the children back to school.

### Essential kit:

- Please can children bring in their own **empty** pencil case from home. We will supply the stationary but it means they have everything they need and can store it in their tray. Please can it be small enough so it fits easily into their tray.
- Named water bottle
- Apron or shirt for art. The children will store these in their lockers.

## Home learning

Home learning will involve daily reading, learning the weekly spelling rule, a piece of Maths home learning and times tables practice.

**Showbie** - From Y2 up Showbie is used to set home learning. It is a fantastic resource and very easy to use. I will send details of how to set up an account in a separate email.

**Reading** - daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child at home. Even if your child is almost a confident reader, hearing them read, helping with unfamiliar vocabulary and discussing the story and characters makes a huge difference.

**Maths** - learning in the Autumn term is largely focussed on place value. Helping your child learn their number bonds to 10 and beyond would be helpful. [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) has lots of great place value games if you enter 'place value' in the search box.

**Times Tables** - For Class 2, starting to learn the 2, 10 and 5 times tables would be brilliant as we will begin **Cracking Times Tables** weekly from September.

**Spelling** - Spellings are set on an online platform called **Spelling Frame** which allows your child to learn their spellings in a fun way involving a computer which hopefully will motivate them to learn! Weekly spelling tests take place at home via Spelling Frame.

We will send an email containing further information about Showbie, Cracking Times Tables and Spelling Frame.

## Parent Helpers

We had a fantastic group of parent readers this year which made a huge difference to the children's reading. They absolutely love reading to parents! We would be hugely appreciative of volunteers to help with reading in Class 2 from September. If you are able to offer any time to hear readers please could you let me know via email ([k.redman@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:k.redman@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk)) so we can arrange a convenient time for you to help. Thank you.

We hope this gives you a bit of advance notice. We will send an Autumn Term newsletter to you in September giving key dates for the term (Forest School, PE etc). and an outline of some of the planned learning. We look forward to meeting you all in September.

Best Wishes Miss Redman, Mrs Voss & Miss Davis