



Wednesday 5th September 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly I'd like to say how pleased I am to be teaching your child this year and to avoid unnecessary confusion I've tried to keep rules, routines and homework as similar as possible to your child's previous year in either Class 1 or Class 2. The teaching arrangements for our class are as follows;

Monday – Mrs Laidlaw throughout the morning and a carousel afternoon where the children will be taught Topic, PSHE and Music by Ms Weldon and Dance by Miss Batemen.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday all day plus Friday morning - Miss Lynch

Friday afternoon – Mrs Clarke will teach Art and DT. This will be followed by Achievement Assembly.

The Teaching Assistants in Class 2 are Mrs Raja and Mrs Smith.

The staff and I liaise and plan together on a regular basis to ensure consistency, adequate curriculum coverage and to make sure your child's needs are met. A topic web will be sent home at the beginning of each term to inform parents of what their child will be learning.

We are also looking forward to inviting you into our classroom on regular occasions throughout the year to showcase our learning and creations.

Homework

Information about homework has been stuck in the front of your child's homework book and this will be sent home on Wednesday 12th September.

PE

PE kit includes a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. Girls need to bring a spare pair of socks if they wear tights. Lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. A text will be sent home to the parents of those children with no kit. If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson,

please ensure a note is written in your child's reading record explaining why they can't participate.

If possible, please send in any PE kits that your child has grown out of so we have a collection of spare kits to use when children forget them.

Outdoor Learning

Lessons will sometimes take place outside on the field and in the school woods (including Forest Schools). Therefore, children will need to bring in suitable, old clothing and wellies for these occasions. A text will be sent to parents prior to the outdoor learning experience so children can bring their spare clothes on the day.

Our topic

Your child may wish to bring items relating to our topic into class to 'show and tell'. At different times throughout the year we will also text for other items to be brought in that will help with your child's learning. As you are aware, some our learning in Class 2 continues to be based around play (especially at the beginning of the year) and we will also welcome any junk modelling materials (clean boxes, kitchen roll, yoghurt pots, etc) and children's magazines that your child has finished with. This way our children can benefit from items that might otherwise have been thrown away. Please can you also keep us in mind next time you are having a clear out or declutter of good quality second-hand toys. We are particularly eager to accept donations of;

- dressing up clothes and/or accessories that your child no longer uses
- Small world: little play people, animals and characters
- Dinosaurs
- Dolls (eg barbie or equivalent, baby dolls etc) preferably with clothes.
- Musical instruments
- Games (with all original parts included)
- Old phones (to play with in the role play area)

*Please note we are NOT in need of cuddly toys, lego, books or jigsaws at this time.

Please do not feel we are asking you to spend any money, we are looking for donations of things you no longer use! Thank you in advance for your generosity. We know that by letting children explore and engage in a range of play-based activities they can develop all sorts of skills as a learner.

Book bags and reading records

Book bags and reading records should be brought to school by your child every single day! Please also check your child's book bag and reading record when they return home from school. Letters and information are sent home in these bags and we also use reading records to communicate messages to and from home when needed. Log in details for Bug Club and Purple Mash will be stuck on the inside cover as well as their team point name and colour. Reading books will be sent home this week. Please let me know (by writing in your child's reading record) if you feel your child's

reading book is too easy or too difficult so we can adjust their levels accordingly. It usually takes a couple of weeks for me to really get to know your child and their reading ability so please bear with me.

Refreshments

Your child will receive a snack every playtime. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday your child will be given a piece of toast and on Tuesday and Thursday your child will be given a piece of fruit. Toast will be charged at 10p a day but fruit is free. Please send your child's toast money into school as soon as possible. You will be informed via your child's reading record when they need some more money. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school and we will make sure it is washed and filled up each day.

End of school day

There is a staggered finish for KS1 at the end of each day. Children in Class 1 and 2 can be collected from the little yard at 3:10pm up until 3:20pm. Children will not be able to leave school without a parent / guardian being there to collect them. If someone else is collecting your child please let the class teacher or the office know who will then pass the information onto your child's teacher.

If you have any questions, concerns or if you need to inform me about anything please write a note in your child's reading record on the current week (these are checked daily). Alternatively, you can catch me in class at 8:50am, 3:10pm or arrange to meet with me for a chat.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I'm really looking forward to teaching your delightful, little ones.

Miss Lynch ☺