



Wednesday 6th September 2017

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Newsletter for Class 2

WELCOME/WELCOME BACK TO
CLASS 2!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and that all the children are glad to be back in school.

We hope you will be able to make it to the 'Welcome/information' session on Friday 15th September, 2.30-2.45pm). Your child will also bring home a booklet, explaining about Class 2. If there is anything you want to ask or tell us, please feel free to pop in either at the start or end of the day.

This year, Class 2 is made up of 16 Year 1 children and 14 Year 2 children.

Our new topic:
'Once Upon A Time

This will be story based, looking at lots of different traditional stories.

There will be a separate topic overview sheet coming home shortly for more information.

Staff in Class 2

Mrs Harrison (Class Teacher Monday-Wednesday)

Mrs Longmore (Higher Level Teaching Assistant Thursday)

Mrs Coulson (Class teacher Friday)

Mrs Senior (Teaching Assistant Monday-Friday)

P.E Days

Monday and Thursday (please tie back long hair, no earrings)

Home-learning

We will send a list of activities each half term which you can choose from. These will link to our topic. We will build in time towards the end of the half term to share/celebrate home-learning.

We believe that one of the most valuable home-learning tasks is practising reading. We will read with your child as a group and keep track of their reading through these sessions. We will complete individual 'running records' as we feel necessary. We encourage children to read a variety of books on each book level and children have to show that they understand what they have read, not just 'de-code'/read the words. We will move them up when we think they are ready.

We will also read books as a class. This gives us a great opportunity to work on the children's comprehension skills, with children offering and sharing ideas about books and stories. Children will also be paired with a 'Reading Buddy' from Class 5.

Children who read regularly at home make the best progress. Please fill in your child's reading record when you read together at home. 'Little and often' is the best way to read with your child. Try to aim for at least three times a week.

Please call in and speak to any of us if there is anything you would like to discuss. Also, we really value your feedback, e.g writing comments in the reading record book or home-learning book. We find it extremely useful to know how the children have got on at home. Anything which they find particularly hard or easy can then be addressed at school, just let us know.

Thank you for all the support you give the children at home...it makes a real difference!