

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome the children back to Year 2! While this year has been a very unusual and difficult time, we are excited to get things back to 'normal' for the children as soon as possible. We will ensure that the children have a smooth transition back into school and are always here for any questions or worries you may have. This term's enquiry title is 'Is there anybody out there?!' We will be spending the first few weeks focussing on the first flight to the moon and the life of an astronaut. We will also be learning about The Great Fire of London and the history of castles and the Royal family.

Morning Routine

The children will be entering school through the main door and walking down to their classrooms independently. A member of staff will be at the main entrance to greet the children and send them down to their classroom. As adults are adhering to social distancing, we ask that where possible you message us on Dojo, phone or email the school so that no congestion is caused at the main entrance during drop off and pick up times. Miss McGahey's class will start school at 8:30am and finish at 3:00pm. Mrs Maxfield's/Mrs Prophet's class will begin at 8:50am and finish at 3:20pm. It is very important that children arrive and leave promptly so that we can keep everyone safe.

PE

PE will continue to be on set days but we ask you to ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise. PE kits will come home at the end of the day on some Fridays. Please can you make sure they are returned by Monday. Our PE sessions will mostly be outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels, (including jumpers and cardigans).

Reading

As a class, we will visit the library regularly during the week. Normally we allow children in Year 2 to change their books as frequently as they wish, however due to the need for books being quarantined before being sent out again, we will be limiting to changing the books once a week. The expectation for reading fluency in Year 2 is that children can read approximately 90 words per minute, to be able to achieve this they must practise regularly. Reading is very important so please hear your child read as often as possible; this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this in their home school contact books so we can see all their hard work.

Homework/Spellings

Homework will be sent out at the beginning of term with the due date on the top of the sheet. Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday to be tested the following Tuesday. The children will have 3 common exception words, 5 words that follow a spelling rule and then 2 mystery words which follow the same rule. You may also choose to practise words from the 'statutory word list' if your child would like an extra spelling challenge! Please ask your class teacher if you do not have a list of these.

Communication

During this time we ask that you contact us by phone, email or ClassDojo where possible. We are here to help your children become the best independent and confident learners that they can be so please do not hesitate to ask any questions, no matter how small!

If you would like to contact via email please send to: yr123@redoaks.org.uk

Many thanks,
Mrs Maxfield, Mrs Prophet and Miss McGahey