

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome the children back to Year 2! Although we have had some turbulent years, 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 their classroom door and will be greeted by their class teacher. All doors will open at 8:30am for a prompt 8.40am register and finish at 3:00pm. Teachers will be happy to receive messages on the door but we will still be keeping contact to a minimum where possible so the option to use dojo, phone and email is still available and perfectly acceptable.

Whilst waiting on the playground please discourage children and siblings from playing with the outdoor equipment as this will be set up for lessons.

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 each term but can be taken home any time if needed. Please can you make sure they are returned by the next school day. 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, but it will be their responsibility to ask. 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 on Go Read (trialled in Term 6 of Year 1).

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,
Miss McGahey, Mrs Hogan and Mrs Morgan