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Tuesday 5th September

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you and your family have had a lovely summer break and that your child is ready for the year ahead.

Here is some information which we hope you will find useful.

Year 2 Staff

Mrs Ardill will be in class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Mcloughlin will teach on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Ms Nicholson will be our Teaching Assistant each day. Mrs Hill will teach us music and Mrs Brown and Mr Ramsbottom will teach PE.

Reading Books

As we continue to follow the Read, Write, Inc scheme at the beginning of Year 2, we will send home books that support the work that we are completing at school. Your child may bring home a book that they have read before, please re-read these books with your child and develop fluency and comprehension.

Reading books will be changed on a **Monday**. They will bring home two books for the week. Please make sure the books are in your child's book bag on a Monday ready to be changed and that their bookmark is with their book. The bookmarks will be used to check that books have been returned. All reading will be logged using the Boom Reader App. You can find your child's login details in their homework books. Please contact school if you require further support accessing this.

Reading for Pleasure

Each year, we challenge the Year 2 children to read as many books as they can from our suggested book list. This can be found on our class page on the school website.

We also have access to Oxford Owl e-books which can be accessed using the following link: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Login as a student with the following login details:

Username: year2readers

Password: reading

Any books that your child reads, please log using Boom Reader.

Topic Homework

Your child will be bringing home their homework books in their reading bags later this week. You will find a **Homework Grid** inside for our topic, 'Wriggle and Crawl'. This grid can also be found on the school website. Please encourage your child to complete at least two of the activities before Thursday 19^{th} October. The vocabulary on the grid can be practised at home but this will be separate from the weekly spellings. Work can be sent into school or put on Seesaw. The activities can be as creative as you like \odot

Spellings

Spelling homework will be set on a **Thursday** starting this Thursday 7th September. The spellings will be set as an assignment on Spelling Shed (login can be found in homework book) and a paper copy will be stuck in homework books. Children can then practise their spellings using their preferred method. We will have a Spelling Test every **Wednesday**.

Logins

All of your child's login details will be stuck in the front of their homework book. These include: Seesaw, Boom Reader (Go Read), EdShed (Spelling Shed), Times Tables Rockstars/ Numbots and IDL.

Seesaw

We will be using Seesaw to upload photographs and videos of our learning. Please let us know if you require support accessing your child's account.

PE will be on a Tuesday each week. Children may come to school in their PE kits on this day. The children will have another PE session later in the week but they may wear their school uniform for this session.

We hope this information has answered any questions that you had, if not, please do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to the year ahead as your child's teachers.

Mrs Ardill & Mrs McLoughlin

Year 2 Class Teachers