

## Spring term 2021 in Class 2



I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again for a new term.

This letter outlines the routines/changes in Class 2 for the Spring term. We are not yet returning to a full curriculum, however we plan to create plenty of cross-curricular learning opportunities for the children and will squeeze any extra topic learning in if and when we can. I am also pleased to say that Spanish will feature in our Spring timetable – this is new to us in Class 2, but I am sure the children will really enjoy learning a new language!

Mrs Richardson will continue to join us on Friday mornings, teaching the children FaB and Maths. Mr Tanner will also be in school **every Thursday** to teach handball. I will teach the children their second session of PE on **Wednesdays**, which will be Dance, and this will then change to Wild Woodland Learning after February half term. We will send a reminder about this!

On PE days (Wednesday and Thursday), please make sure your child comes into school wearing appropriate PE kit. Handball may be inside or outside, depending on the weather, so please make sure your child is prepared for both – e.g. jogging bottoms, warm jumpers and a waterproof jacket as well as trainers. Warm clothing should also be worn for Wild Woodland Learning after half term, we recommend that the children bring in wellies and waterproofs if they have them.

Please also make sure your child brings in a water bottle, coat, bookbag and yellow reading record into school each day. All of these should be clearly named to avoid anything getting lost.

### Home learning

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I will continue to communicate home learning with you via Microsoft Teams each week. I will set tasks on a **Wednesday** and these will be due the following **Wednesday**. Home learning may be in the form of MyMaths, to consolidate our learning in school, or a topic based piece linked with our new topic 'Africa'. Please see the topic web on our class page to take a look at linking themes to this topic!

Reading continues to have a very high profile in Class 2. Children are supported with their reading in school via individual and guided group sessions. It would be fantastic if you could promote a love for reading with your child at home by reading regularly with them and signing the yellow record when you have done so. Mrs Drew is only able to change reading books on a Thursday if your child has their reading record in school and this has been signed. Reading books will then be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the library.

Key words and spellings will continue to be set and checked every **Friday** this term by Mrs Drew and Mrs Richardson. The children have been doing really well with this and it is clear that practice at home has made all the difference in school so thank you!

### Show and Tell

Show and Tell will continue to take place on Thursdays on a group rotation basis. Timetables for this will be communicated with you via Mrs Grant. We were very impressed with how many children shared something related to our topic last term and this way the session is beneficial to all children. The topic web on the class page may inspire them for this! Please note that children are still not able to bring in toys/soft furnishings from home.

I hope this letter has answered any questions you may have about the new term ahead in Class 2. If you, or your child, has a question that has not been answered please either write a note in the yellow reading record (these are usually checked daily), catch me at the end of the day during pick up or email in via Mrs Grant in the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Foster, Mrs Drew and Mrs Richardson (Class 2 team)

