

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to year 2! We are very excited to start a new academic year and have some very exciting topics planned.

The children have all settled in well and are rising to the challenges and expectations of Year 2. Mrs Renouf and Mr Hull are incredibly impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the children.

PE and Art

P.E. kit needs to be named and should be kept in school. Please remember it is compulsory for children to wear the correct kit including the appropriate footwear in order for your child to complete activities safely. If your child usually wears earrings, please remove the earrings on PE days.

Birch and Pine class will have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday

In addition, to avoid your child getting paint and other art materials on their school uniform, it is advisable to provide them with an old shirt which they can wear for 'messy' lessons. This can be kept in school also.

Home Learning

Please listen to your child **read** at least five times a week and talk to them about what they have read to help develop their understanding. For our Class Reading Challenge, it is extremely important that you sign your child's Reading Record Book to show which pages they have read independently or to an adult at home. Reading record books will be checked.

Spellings will be given out on **Mondays** and tested on **Fridays**. Up to 10 words will be sent home which will relate to the spelling rule/pattern we are working on in class. During the year, the children will also be set spellings from the words that Year 2 children are expected to learn – set by the government. The children have journals which they need to use in order to practise their words using a range of teaching strategies. This book needs to go home every night and be returned to school every day as the children will be practising their spellings in school and at home, daily.

Children are also given relevant number bonds and times tables facts to learn on a weekly basis. Number bonds and multiplication facts are sent home on a **Friday** so that parents know what is being learnt in school. The children will have a number bond or Times table card to keep in their book bag and practise at home.

Children in Year 2 will be given access to **TT Rockstar's** where they can practice their time tables weekly. A problem-solving homework Task for maths will be set weekly, based on the learning that has been completed in class and monitored by class teachers for completion. A Topic based activity will be sent home on a half termly basis.

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Please also remember that children will need a named water bottle at school every day. At Roebuck we have an open-door policy and welcome the opportunity to speak and build relationships with our parents. If you have any concerns during the year, please feel free to drop in and see us at a convenient time or contact us on the Year 2 email at y2@roebuck.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your on-going support, we look forward to another successful and fun year ahead,

Yours sincerely,

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