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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School

Dear children and parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We are looking forward to working with you for a happy and productive school year.

Groupings

As the curriculum has become more challenging, we are fortunate to have 2 teachers working with Year 2 children. At times the whole class will remain together, but at other times they will be split according to the needs of the children. These groupings will remain flexible to allow children to access whatever level of support they may need.

Growing Up

As the children are now in the “top” infant class, we will be working on increasing their independence which, in turn, helps to build their self-esteem. We would be grateful if you could support us in this by, for example, encouraging your child to take some responsibility for getting their school bag ready, remembering their reading books etc. Thank you.

Reading

-It would be very helpful if reading books could be brought to school every day, even if they have not been read/finished.

-A little reading each night (rather than a whole book at once), along with discussion about the content, would be beneficial if at all possible.

-Please contact us if you would like any support in helping your child with reading.

Water

-We would like the children to have access to water as and when they need it.

-Water bottles (available from the school office) should be brought to school on Monday mornings and will be sent home on Friday so that they can be washed.

-Bottles may be brought to school empty and filled in class.

-If you choose to send a different water bottle, please ensure it has a “sports type” top which locks so that spillages can be kept to a minimum. Thank you.

PE

-Children should have their PE kit in school at all times. This can hang on their peg and will be sent home at half term.

-Please encourage your child in independent dressing and undressing to speed up PE changing times.

-We would prefer long hair to be tied back, especially for PE.

Earrings

-May we politely remind you that we prefer children not to wear earrings as stated in our Uniform and Appearance Policy. This is especially important during PE.

Homework

-Children will have homework to complete each week.
-The focus in Y2 shifts to a more formal style of homework, with children receiving English or Maths on alternate weeks.
-Homework is meant to be a shared experience so please give your child any support they may need.
-Homework books will be issued on Fridays and must be returned by the following Thursday please.
-Children may also receive some spelling homework when it is appropriate.
-At times, we may ask for a piece of creative homework related to topic work.

Hometime

-It would be helpful at home time if the adult collecting your child could give us a little wave. This will help to speed things up when matching children with the correct adult! Thank you for your support in this matter.
-If your child is being collected by a different person, please send in a note or call in at the school office so that we are aware of this.

Please read the school weekly newsletter and discuss events with your child. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like advice on how to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once again, welcome to Year 2. We hope that we can work together to make this the best year ever!

Mrs A Harrison and Mrs S Barron

