

Wednesday 3rd September

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome to Year 2! Now that the Autumn term has finally arrived we hope you and your child will settle into our school routine in preparation for the year ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you what an exciting year we have to look forward to.

Year 2 enter through the lower corridor and doors open at 8:40am, lessons start at 8:50am prompt and finish at 3:20pm. Your child will exit on KS1 playground via the top door. It would really help us to wave at us when you see your child being dismissed.

During the year we will be having assessment weeks, when your child will complete formal assessments in Reading, SPAG and Maths. As ongoing preparation for these tests, your child will receive Home Learning in the following areas:

- English (grammar/reading) or Maths Home Learning linked to learning (20 minutes)
- Overview of common exception words for each half term
- Reading using their RWI home reader or class library book (10 minutes daily)

Home Learning will be distributed every Thursday and should be returned on the following **Monday** ready to be marked. Please encourage and help your child to practise to read and spell the half termly words as often as possible, as this will help them improve the quality of their writing.

Year group staff will, of course, listen to pupils read regularly but we also ask that you share your child's reading book with them. Talk about characters and settings, ask them to retell the story or encourage them to write a book review. Reading books need to be brought to school **every day**, as there will be plenty of opportunity to change them and your child will be reading from them daily. We ask that you comment and sign when they have been heard read at home.

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon taught by our PE coach Mr Dovey. Please ensure that your child leaves the correct PE kit (house colour T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps) in school to be worn each week and all jewellery (including earrings) is removed before coming to school and your child's hair is tied up for PE lessons. Please be aware that fake tattoos and nail polish should not be worn at all in school.

Should you need to speak to any of us, please feel free to email the team on year2@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing co-operation and support.

The Y2 Team:

Miss Devey, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Purcell, Miss Gilbody and Miss Townsend.