

Dear Parents

Welcome back after a very peculiar end to the summer term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all the children and saying hello to some new faces in Class 2.

As with previous years, Mrs Sanderson will teach Monday – Friday mornings and Monday afternoons with a focus on English and Maths. Mrs Billington will teach Science, Topic and PE Tuesday – Friday afternoons and Mrs Coulthard will continue to support the class.

As we welcome all children back to school we would like to remind you of the importance of supporting your child in their learning by:

### Spelling

Year group appropriate spellings will be put on 'Showbie' every Friday, unless a printed copy is requested, to be learned for a test the following week. To help you support your child please find attached copies of the words we will be testing over the course of Lower Key Stage 2.

### Reading

This year we would like to encourage the children to record their home reading activity on Showbie. We will show the children how to do this in class. If you would prefer for them to have a reading record to take home and fill in please let us know and we will send one home.

Children will be assessed during the first few weeks as to their reading level and appropriate texts will be sent home. These books must be returned to school on a Friday and a new book will be sent home the following Monday. As always, please read with your child regularly and keep a record in their diary.

### Homework

This half term English and Maths homework will be set weekly on Education City with the expectation that this will be completed by the following Thursday. If you are unable to access this online at home, children can come into school from 8.45am to complete their homework on a school laptop.

### PE

This half term children will have 2 PE lessons; one on a Wednesday and one on a Thursday afternoon. Children are to come into school in their full PE kit. For this half term PE will mostly take place outside so children will need suitable trainers, either warm dark leggings or joggers and either a school jumper or dark coloured hoodie. Girls with long hair should tie their hair back and all jewellery, including earrings, must be removed for PE or covered with tape (we cannot apply this).

### Topic

In Topic lessons, children will be learning about our 'Extreme Earth'. They will learn what planet Earth is made up of, where in the world volcanoes are located and how they are formed. In Science, children will be learning about 'Light'. They will explore how we need light to see things well, they will learn how shadows are formed and set up investigations to explore how shadows vary.

### School iPads

We are in the fortunate position in C2 to have access to the new school iPads. Ideally, we would like all of the children to have their own set of ear phones/headphones to enable them to get full use out of these in class. If your child has a spare set of ear phones or headphones that they can bring in to school (and leave in school) we would appreciate you sending them in. Alternatively we will be selling ear phones for £1 a set to anyone who needs them.

In Key Stage 2, we encourage an independent working environment which most children thrive on and enjoy. However, we do appreciate that some children can find the transition from Class 1 difficult, so please remember that we have an open door policy and that we are always happy to discuss any concerns you might have over the telephone or you can arrange a convenient appointment if necessary. We are very much looking forward to this new academic year and seeing the children grow.

Many thanks

Mrs Sanderson, Mrs Billington and Mrs Coulthard.