

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you and your child back after a restful Easter Break; I hope you all enjoyed the break. We had a fantastic Spring term and I'm looking forward to our final but very busy term in Year 2. As the Spring term was a short term and the children were thoroughly enjoying our topic on books, we will continue with our books topic from last term and move on to our new Learning Journey in a few weeks.

### **Y2 SATs**

You will no doubt be aware of Y2 SATs. These are end of KS1 assessments. We assess children continually as they learn and must inform the DfE of the outcomes of our Teacher Assessment at the end of Y2. A teacher's final Teacher Assessment for the end of Y2 is informed by the outcomes of both reading and maths assessments that will be undertaken in May. We intend to make the SATs as low-key as possible for the benefit of the children.

Last year, the children weren't aware that they had done any of the reading and maths papers as school ensured that the children's experience felt as much like their everyday routine as possible. They had experience of the test papers and so when they undertook the 'real' papers, they thought they were just another set of papers to do. As the children were unaware, they were relaxed and performed well. For this reason, we request that you do not put a big emphasis on the SATs or work excessively with your child at home. The children will be working very hard during the school day and will need a rest during the evenings. 20 minutes on reading, spelling and times tables each night will be plenty. Most importantly the children need to be happy; a happy child learns best.

### **Summer Learning**

Our Summer Learning Journey will be based on Michael Bond's Paddington Bear. Alongside this text we will be utilising a range of other quality texts to support our writing. Our overarching theme in school for Summer term is Around the World. We will be exploring Peru, the birth place of Paddington Bear. Please see the termly plan for an overview of some of the learning we will undertake. If you feel you can contribute towards our Learning Journey in any way (artefacts / books / photos, support in class with a particular skill etc.) it would be warmly welcomed.

### **Expectations**

My expectations remain as high as they did last term for the children; they need to continue to develop their independence and their responsibility for their own learning. I will challenge and support your child in their learning, but will expect your child to do their very best and contribute positively to our class so that we all have another very rewarding and successful term. It is really important that we work together to help your child succeed both personally and academically.

### *Arrival at school*

We want 100% attendance in Base 2!! We've been doing very well – but we could do even better! Good attendance is necessary for good progress. Please ensure your child arrives between **8:45 and 8:55am** ready to start the day. Morning activities (Maths and Literacy based), which consolidate or challenge the children's learning, are set up for this time in readiness for registration of the class by 9am and a smooth transition into the literacy lesson. **This term it is vital**

**for your child to be in school every day, so that they do not miss any SATs preparation or the assessment days.**

#### *Monies and messages*

All monies and messages **MUST** come into school with your child and placed in the plastic wallet to assist Mrs Rowlands in the office at the start of the day. **It is important for the children to bring monies and messages in for themselves to help them become responsible and independent.**

#### *Outdoor clothing*

Although the weather is starting to improve, a coat must be in school every day as the rain still pours. If it is sunny, it would be good for the children to have a sunhat and sun cream when it gets warmer.

#### *Snack*

Snack will be available for Mrs Warner at break times each day, but if your child wants to bring a snack from home please ensure that it is a **healthy snack** as we are promoting healthy living.

#### **Base 2 Timetable**

Our timetable will remain the same for this term, however we will now be having PE delivered by Sportscape on a Wednesday afternoon.

#### *PE*

**PE kits** (red top, black shorts/trousers, trainers, jumper) must be in school on a Wednesday for our PE lessons. PE kits should then be taken home to be washed over the weekend and brought back into school on Monday. There may be opportunities during our Learning Journey lessons for additional PE sessions so **PE kits need to be in school all week**. The children will be reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure PE kits are in school. PE lessons will be outdoors and indoors.

#### **Homework**

This term I will not be sending additional homework until after the half term because of the amount of work the children will be doing within school. The children are being given a Wellbeing Passport to complete an activity a week instead and please keep reading, practising times tables and spelling. If the need arises, I may send home activities as consolidation.

#### **Open door**

My door is always open and I am always very happy to help should you have any concerns, wish to share information that is relevant to your child's well-being or require additional information regarding your child and their learning or progress. I will be on the door every morning or you can arrange a time to meet with me at a time that is convenient for the both of us.

I am very much looking forward to another fantastic term with Base 2 and learning about our exciting new topic.

Kind regards,

Miss Phillips