



Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had restful and exciting summers filled with lots of memories. I would like to warmly welcome you and your child to Year 2 – Fox Class, the final year in Key Stage One! Year 2 is a very exciting year and I know your child is ready to embrace the responsibilities that come with being the oldest children this side of the school.

We have a busy year ahead and, as always, have planned an exciting and varied curriculum to inspire and challenge the children. Working with the children this year will be myself and Mrs Carter, who is our Teaching Assistant. I will be teaching the class every day. On a Wednesday, I will be teaching the class in the morning and then our Higher Level Teaching Assistant will be teaching the class whilst I have my planning time in the afternoon. Mrs Carter will be working every morning and on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Curriculum

You will receive the overview of what we will be focusing on over Autumn term. Our topic, Movers and Shakers, will be the basis for much of our work this half-term. It's a great topic filled with lots of knowledge about significant people in history that I know the children will love! If you have any artefacts, books or resources you would be happy for your child to share with the class related to any of our curriculum areas this term, please send them into school clearly named.

Homework

At the beginning of each half-term, the children will receive a grid of topic-based homework activities. Your child can choose whatever task they would like to do from the sheet each week. They can show their fantastic work during **Show and Tell every Monday afternoon**. Anything for show and tell can also be emailed to me at iholmes@stanwickprimary.org.uk.

Spellings will be sent home weekly with the relevant EdShed games linking to that week's learning. At the end of the term, words will be chosen at random to assess retention on the spelling rules covered that term. Every fortnight the children will receive maths homework which must be completed.

After Christmas, the children will be learning their times tables in school daily. Once we start these, I will inform you of the times table we are teaching, for you to support them at home if you wish. For the first term, we will be re-capping counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. If you could support your child in this, it will really help them when it comes to learning those times tables later on.

PE

PE days are on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children should wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. Please ensure earrings are removed on these days. These lessons will be outdoors, weather permitting. As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure suitable clothing is provided.



Outdoor learning

On a Friday afternoon, Foxes will be taking part in their outdoor learning session with Squirrel class. Please bring in a named pair of wellies and we will store these in our outdoor learning shed.

Reading

Your child will be coming home with a school reading book shortly. For the first half-term, all children will still be assigned their Collins E-book each week. This will be the book they read in their reading group. From the second half-term onwards, some will still be assigned these so please keep an eye. We will still be changing books every **Monday** and **Thursday**. As we move through Year 2, the emphasis will be on comprehension when reading and so we would encourage you to spend time talking to your child before and/or after they have read to discuss the events, themes and characters in the book. We ask that children read to an adult at least 3 times a week. When your child has completed their book, we may ask them questions to check they have read and understood the content before changing it.

It is also invaluable for you to read books to your child. This year the children will also be taking home a '**sharing book**' from the library. This will be a book they will most likely not be able to read independently. Therefore, this is a book for you to share together and enjoy. I have also attached the books we will be reading in our daily 'Reading for Pleasure' session. This is so you can see the range of books your child will be listening to daily and may wish to borrow from a local library if your child enjoys it!

Water bottles

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle which they can access throughout the day. We will send them home at the end of every day to be washed and refilled.

School Bags

We have a limited area outside our classroom for children's coats, therefore we ask that children continue to only bring in a **book bag not a rucksack**. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss Holmes
Year 2 Teacher