



Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and managed to relax in the sunshine. Mrs Marshall-Hardy (our TA) and I welcome you back whole-heartedly.

Communication

We have had a lovely first week in Year 2, jumping straight into our learning. There are many ways of keeping involved in your child's experiences at school this year. Look out for our learning conversations and updates on the website's Year 2 page. They are particularly useful for those children who cannot remember a thing about their school day once they have walked out of the classroom door!

We will also be using Class Dojo throughout the year for whole class and individual updates. Please do check it regularly. I always encourage likes and comments! However, the Messages function is not always the best way to get in touch individually. Please use the home-school contact books in the usual way. New home-school contact books will be given out in the following week. If you wish to arrange a meeting, either speak to me in person or contact the school office (admin3032@welearn365.com). I am always available for a chat when needed.

Topic

Year 1 and 2 are starting the year with a topic titled 'How have holidays changed?' We will be learning about seaside holidays and focussing on how they have changed over the years since Victorian times. On Friday 7th September, we will be having a WOW day. A letter regarding this has been sent home and via email. We look forward to immersing ourselves in this history-rich topic. A topic web is attached to this letter for further curriculum detail.

WOW box

There is a WOW box in our classroom that children can use. It is for any item that they are particularly proud of and wish to show to the class. However, we ask that these items reflect, and relate to, our current topics and learning. As you can imagine, we have very busy school days and sometimes children will need to wait a few days before they can show their items.

Routines and Expectations

❖ Starting on **Friday 14th September**, every Friday, weekly homework will be set. For now, that will consist of spellings, reading and an English or Maths written task/game. This will help to consolidate what we have learnt that week. Please help your child to complete this homework in a quiet and distraction-free zone. Homework books are due in on a Wednesday, and spelling tests will happen on a Wednesday morning. Home-learning projects, based on our topics, will be set at different times during the year.

❖ Reading books will go home next **Wednesday 12th September**. They are changed once a week and each child will get a school levelled book and a free choice book. Please make sure these books are returned to school by the following Wednesday to be changed.

❖ PE happens on Wednesdays and Fridays. The weather can be quite cool in the Autumn term, although we try to get outside when we can, so please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and warm clothing.

❖ Mrs Nalci will be teaching the class on a Thursday morning. She will also teach the class for the week commencing 24th September, while I accompany the Year 6s on their PGL trip.

Here is a little table summarising key information for a typical Y2 week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Reading books in to be changed Spelling tests and new spellings given out Homework due in Outdoor PE Fiery Feet after-school club	Steel Pan lessons	Indoor PE Homework handed out Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

Requests

- ❖ If possible, please send a box of tissues into school with your child in order to stem the spread of coughs and colds as much as we can!
- ❖ If your child has any medical needs (e.g. epipens, inhalers, Piriton), please make sure the school has all in-date medication available.
- ❖ Please name every item that your child brings into school. We will be discarding and recycling unnamed lost property at the end of each term.
- ❖ Drinking water throughout the day is so important for a healthy learner. Please send a named water bottle with your child every day.

Key Dates This Term

Wednesday 12th September – Open Classrooms 3:30 – 5:00pm (a chance to see the classroom and meet me if you haven't already!)

Thursday 13th September – Roald Dahl Dress-Up Day!

w/c 24th September – Miss Bunce with Y6 on PGL (Mrs Nalci teaching Y2)

Wednesday 3rd October – Individual Photographs

w/c 15th October – Coding Week!

Thursday 25th October – Break up for half-term ☺

Friday 26th October – Teacher Training Day

School doors open at 8:50am. Please make sure your child is in school by 9:00am. In order to aid a smooth transition, please say your goodbyes on the playground and allow your child to enter the school independently. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please pop in and see me,

Miss Bunce

