



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. It has been lovely to work with your children again, and to see how far they have come on from Reception, I am really looking forward to teaching them again this year. If you need to contact me at any time, please either pass on a message to the adult on the door in the morning, or send an email to sarah.gregory@bristol-schools.uk If you do need to see me after school, I am not available on Tuesdays due to staff meetings. We also ask that you wait until whoever is seeing the class out has dismissed every child before trying to talk with us, so that we can be sure the children are seen out safely and we can give you our full attention.

PE

PE will be on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday mornings. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days.

Snacks

Please note that from this point forward, the children are only allowed to have fruit and vegetables to eat at break time. Fruit winders/fruit yoyo style snacks are not acceptable due to the high sugar content. The children will continue to receive fruit and vegetables at snack time in Year 2.

Water bottles

Children should bring 'sports top' water bottle to drink from during the day, which must only contain water. Please don't let your child carry these in their book bags as books will get ruined if the bottles leak water.

Uniform

Please see the attached letter.

Children need to have a pair of wellies kept in school and bring in a suitable **waterproof coat every day**, particularly during winter months, as we will be going outside in all weathers. They will also require hats and gloves during the winter, and sunhat and sun screen during the warmer months. Please ensure all items of clothing are named, especially school jumpers/cardigans as these are often removed throughout the day.





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Home Learning:

Reading is one of our highest priorities and we want to ensure children become fluent and engaged readers at the very earliest stage. To achieve this, we will be primarily focusing on Reading this year. We would appreciate your support with this by hearing your child read as frequently as possible (ideally everyday) and ensuring they have their reading books and reading records in school every day. At school, we will listen to your child read either individually or within a guided group at least once a week.

In addition to the reading, Home Learning will be posted on the classroom on a Tuesday and will include some spellings to learn for the following Monday and some Maths activities on Emile.

Reading

I will be continuing to hear your children read over the next week and assessing their phonic levels following the summer break. Some children may bring home a book from a lower level for a few weeks in order to revise any phonemes they have forgotten. I will continue to assess and move the children as appropriate. We have adopted the recommended approach whereby children who are on the reading scheme books, **up to and including Stage 8**, will need to read their text three times before it is changed.

- **The first read** is a focus on blending the sounds to read unknown words.
- **The second read** is to develop fluency, so the child can enjoy reading the book with greater ease.
- **The third read** is to talk about the text and practise their comprehension skills.

Medications

If your child needs an inhaler, they should already have one in school. Any medication will be kept safe in the classroom in case it is needed, and should be clearly marked with your child's name. Any new medication for children must be left at the office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sarah Gregory

