

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to a mixed Year 1 and 2 Class! I am so pleased to welcome you back to school and I am looking forward to a successful and productive year. This year we are very lucky to be supported by Mrs Collakii, Miss Smith and Miss Piccin.

**PE will be on Wednesday mornings this term. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit into school on Wednesdays** . It is important for your child to have the appropriate PE kit which includes: navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms; a plain white PE t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. Please note that for Gymnastics activities (this term) the children are required to be bare feet during lessons. This is to ensure safety. The children need to wear socks ( not tights) on Wednesday.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 are very important years. Year 1 children will start getting used to a more formal and structured way of learning based on discreet subject teaching. Year 2 will begin to prepare for their move into KS2 next September. As a school, we have adopted tried, tested and very exciting schemes of work which are specifically designed for mixed aged classes. The children have already had taster lessons and they loved them! Details of what the children will be learning can be found in termly curriculum overviews. A curriculum overview will be sent out at the beginning of each term to keep you up to date with what your child is learning this year.

As we know, children who read regularly make the most progress across all areas of the curriculum, so your child will be given a reading book (RWInc reading scheme) to take home and read each week, as well as a picture book/novel or a non-fiction text from the class library. The reading books will be changed weekly, but their book from the class library can be changed when they have finished reading it. Please listen to your child read and fill in their reading record every night, indicating the pages your child has read, accompanied by a short comment. Reading scheme books will be changed on Mondays for Year 1 and on Tuesdays for Year 2.

To further support their learning, children will also be set a weekly homework task every Friday, to be completed and brought into class the following Tuesday. The children, particularly those in Year 1 will continue getting word cards to support their Phonics learning in preparation for Year 1 Phonics screening test at the end of the year. Please cut the words out and practise reading them with your child every day until he/she is confident and fluent

If you would like to speak to me, please contact the school office and I will be happy to telephone you . Alternatively, I will be in the playground after school every day - I am always happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Best wishes

**Mrs Farida Swift**

Year 1 and 2 Class Teacher

Science and DT Subject Lead