



Purple Class – Summer Term 2023

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! The children have settled back into their routines brilliantly and are already making a great start to this term's learning. We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning we have to look forward to.

Curriculum focus

This term our Geography focus will be on map reading skills looking at maps of our local area as well as using atlases to continue our focus on countries, continents and oceans around the world. In History, we will be looking at famous explorers and comparing journeys and explorations from different time periods. Hopefully we will start to see some better weather which will allow us to take full advantage of our grounds and allotment in our Science topic on plants. We hope to run a trip during this term linking to our curriculum focus and we will give you more information once we have details confirmed.

The **Medium-Term Overview** provides further information about everything we will be doing this term and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Reading

All reading books will continue to be changed on Thursdays so please ensure that they are in bookbags. Before moving them to the next level, we will check that they have 95%-100% fluency on their current level which means they should be able to read the book easily. This builds reading confidence and we provide them more of a challenge in our weekly whole class guided reading sessions. In these sessions we focus on decoding texts as well as looking at a range of stories and extracts for comprehension. The children will also have the opportunity to change their library books on Wednesdays. Ideally, we would like the children to be reading daily at home, either with an adult or older sibling.

PE

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**. However, this may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day. This should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. A pair of socks would be useful too if your child regularly wears tights to school. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile (for year 2, two laps) on the school's running track.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and will relate to our phonics, maths or topic work. Homework books should be returned to the tray by Thursday morning at the latest so we have a chance to look at them before returning them on Friday. In Year 2 Homework should take no more than 20-25 minutes so please do not spend longer than this.

SATs

During May, the children will be completing assessment tasks set by the government called SATs tests in Reading and Maths. These will be kept low-key and we will ensure that they are carried out in a positive and stress-free manner, enabling the children to feel comfortable and relaxed. We may, during the course of the month, organise the school day differently to accommodate for the organisation of the tasks and to maximise support. The SATs are used to inform our teacher assessments when we look at your child's performance over the course of the year, as opposed to their performance on one formal occasion.

Communication

The best time to catch us for a quick conversation is at the end of the day, but of course we know that sometimes you will need to pass on an urgent message in the morning. Should you have any concerns you wish to discuss in more detail we can schedule a time to talk so that we have the time needed to address these properly. Please do come to us (or send an email via the office) with any concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

The Year 2 Team