

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2. We are delighted to be back at school and are looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable term.

This term our topic will be 'Narnia' and we will be looking at The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. We have already enjoyed a Treasure Hunt in the school grounds where the children found clues about the story. We hope to have a couple of opportunities for the children to dress up as evacuees and role play the experience of children in the 1940s. Further details will be forthcoming.

Our homework in Year 2 will consist of reading and spelling practice. Please could you support your child by listening to them read daily and recording their reading in their Reading Record. There is an expectation that you will read with your child at least 5 times a week. Every child who does this will receive a raffle ticket towards a prize draw at the end of each term. They will bring home a colour banded book, along with a decodable book, and a book from the book corner every week.

In addition, the children will also be given spellings to learn each week. The spellings will be sent home in their Spelling Books on a **Friday** and should be practised during the week and returned to school on **Thursday**. Your support with reading and spelling is very much appreciated.

Finally, please can you support your child with maths at home by continuing to use **DoodleMaths**.

The children have already been introduced to our handwriting scheme and all the children will continue to learn the cursive and joined style. Again, Letter Join is available to practise at home.

Please could you also ensure that your child has a PE kit and water bottle in school at all times.

We hope you have an enjoyable term. If you have any questions, as always, please feel free to email us.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anderton, Miss Pearce and Mrs Hughes.

Class information sheet- Year 2

Teacher: Miss Pearce

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Davies, Mrs Randell, Miss Kingdon

Reading: Children read on a 1:1 basis once a week and as a group during guided reading twice a week. Their books are changed weekly but please feel free to read other books at home with your children. Book levels are assessed by the class teacher.

High frequency words are changed fortnightly; children must confidently read the majority of these words to move to the next phase.

Phonics: Children will be continuing to learn how to use graphemes to blend (for reading) and segment (for spelling). They will then move on to learning common exceptions and spelling rules. During this time, the children will be taught phonics across the year group and may not always be taught by their class teacher.

Handwriting: The children will be expected to write in the cursive font and will be continuing to learn how to join these letters. Please continue to use Letter Join to practise the font.

Spellings: Spellings go home every Friday and are tested in class at the end of the following week. Children are expected to practise these at least three times at home. Spelling books are collected in on a Thursday so please ensure they are in your child's bookbag.

Maths: Please continue to encourage your child to practise counting and writing their numbers 0-100. Also familiarise yourselves with the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) which can be found on the school website. Children are assessed termly in maths using a mixture of formal and informal 'quizzes'.

Timetabling: PE will take place on a Monday afternoon with Mrs Hughes and on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs O'Daly.

Mrs Bowditch will be teaching the class on a Wednesday morning.

If you have any questions, please see me in the morning at drop off or at the end of the day for pick up. I am also available via email at: jpearce@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Pearce and Team