

Detailed Class Information Sheet - Class 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 2! We are really looking forward to teaching the children this year, we have lots of lovely things planned. This is a newsletter to let you know the arrangements put in place for Class 2.

General Information

Arriving to school:

Class 2 start school at 8.30am. We dismiss at 2.30pm from the same door. Please line up outside Class 2's steps so that we can dismiss the children to you.

PE:

PE days are on Monday and Thursday. Please can children arrive to school in PE kit on these days.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child has a water bottle containing fresh water in school each day. We encourage children to drink regularly and water bottles are kept on tables.

Seating/Grouping:

Children have the opportunity to work with different groups throughout the day.

Rewards/Sanctions:

We have a class agreement where the children decide and agree what they would like our classroom to be like this year. We use the school 5 - step approach to ensure consistency and fairness. Together, children will decide on a class reward and work towards this through good behaviour, being kind to one another, listening, trying their best etc. Rewards may also be individual (table points and earned choosing time). Sanctions include loss of Golden Time or loss of playtime. This may be used when school rules and the class agreement are being repeatedly ignored or where the stepped approach results in a red card.

Homework:

Homework is usually given out on a Friday to be due back ten days later on Monday. See the first week's homework sheet for more information.

Homework will usually consist of:

- A set of spellings each week
- Maths
- Some homework likely linked to one of our topics.
- Reading
- Please look out for reminders and extra information on the homework sheet each week.

We encourage children to spend 10 mins per week on TTRockstars as part of their homework. We also ask for them to go onto Oxford Reading Buddy each week. On the inside cover of their homework book you will find the log-in details for TTRockstars and Oxford Reading Buddy.

Children are expected to bring in completed homework, with their homework book on time each week to allow time for marking. Please encourage your child to present their homework neatly and to a high standard. Quality rather than quantity!

Outdoor Learning:

Every Tuesday afternoon Class 2 will have a wonderful outdoor learning session that relates to their current topics. They will be allocated groups and take turns to have their sessions. Waterproofs will be provided by school but please ensure your child has a pair of spare wellies and socks in school at all times.

Reading:

Please listen to your child read regularly. Each week, the children will also take home a library book to borrow. We aim to change books on a **Friday** so please ensure children bring all their books to school every Friday.

Guided Reading in the classroom takes place multiple times per week with built-in comprehension work as a part of this: this is one of many opportunities for us to hear children read as individuals in the classroom. In addition to this, children get other regular opportunities to read independently and as a class throughout the day. As well as story times being delivered by adults, the children will also enjoy reading books to the class. We will also take part in repeated reads, where we will read the same book multiple times, engaging in different activities to gain further understanding and draw on tier two vocabulary.

Spelling:

Children will have a daily spelling session where they will get the opportunity to practise their spelling in class using a fun strategy of their choice. They will get a new list of words to learn each week which will be sent home every Friday. On the following Friday, we will test how your child can spell these words, including writing them in sentences.

English:

As well as reading, spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions, children have daily English lessons. We look at different styles of writing and use our current topic and core texts as a basis for this. We enjoy drama sessions and exciting activities to engage with our new books. We give the children the opportunity to write independently for a sustained period and take responsibility in editing and correcting their own work.

Maths:

Maths is taught daily. Each maths lesson contains a mental activity and a main activity. At least one Maths lesson a week will be a problem-solving lesson. We use the Big Maths system for mental maths at the start of each session. The children will have two Maths assessment sheets per week that also follow our schools Big Maths system. One of which will stay at school. You will receive the marked copy of the other (Learn its) each Friday, so that you can see how your child is progressing and where they might need support. Children also practise their Diamond Dash times tables sheet daily, and get tested on these each half term to see how they are progressing with it. If they achieve the level, a certificate will come home so you know they are progressing onto the next stage.

Planning:

On the school website, you will find an overview of the year plan. This will be located on our Class 2 page. Note that it is subject to change when appropriate and according to the children's interests. At the beginning of every half term you will receive a topic plan for that half term block. You will also find topic plans, key texts and other planning on the class website.

Monitoring and Assessment: Each child has an achievement target set for the end of the year for maths, reading and writing. We group children in core subjects with these targets in mind. In addition, children have smaller, individual targets which they work towards achieving. These look at specific areas of their learning. We also have class maths targets based on the Big Maths mental maths sessions each week.

Parent Hub & Twitter: Homework and spellings will be uploaded onto the Parent Hub as well as paper copies given to the children. We will put any important reminders on Parent Hub. Twitter is usually used to show photos of the exciting things we have been doing in class that week.

Payments

Please use Magic Booking for any money which needs to come into school for any reason (trips, clubs etc).

The School Website and E-safety:

A useful website which parents can access called 'Think You Know', highlights the importance of making sure parents are aware of how children are using the Internet. Please also note that as parents you are allowed to put photos taken at school events onto social networking sites ONLY if they contain solely your own child. No other children or staff should be in the photo.

Our class page on our school website has links to useful websites which children can access by clicking the links. Our class page on our school website also has other links to useful websites which children can access by clicking the links.

And finally, please email the office at contact@stanleygrove.wakefield.sch.uk if you have any queries. You can also write comments/messages in your child's homework book for me to read.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

All the best,
Miss Franks and Miss Way