

# Back To School

## CLASS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

Please contact Miss Watson on the email address below if you have any questions regarding your child's Year 1 or 2 journey or on our Class Dojo page (within contact hours - 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday)

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Thank you for your continued support!

### Welcome to Year 1 & 2!

#### Our Curriculum

This half term, our learning will be based around the key question 'What toys did my grown ups play with when they were little?'

In literacy, we will be exploring the book 'Traction Man' (a story based around a toy figurine who comes to life as a super hero) and we will be bringing this to life in the classroom through the 'Talk 4 Writing' approach which will support our language skills, through re-telling, as well as writing skills! Keep your eyes posted for videos of us performing this on DOJO!

We will be provided with opportunities to create our own 'toys' (including puppets) using a range of art and design skills and we will be introduced to a topic on animals (including humans) in science, using toys to help us explore and explain our understanding through a variety of tasks, such as classifying and grouping.

#### Empowering Learning

This half term, we're learning to be 'self-managers'.

We're aiming to develop our resilience so that we keep trying even if we find things difficult. We are also working on managing our emotions so we are more prepared and able to learn, which, in turn, will help us to understand how we learn best, regulating ourselves with greater independence!

#### Reading

The skill of reading is one of the most important things that we teach to our children and Key Stage 1 plays a pivotal role in developing both word recognition and word comprehension. Children in our class will access phonics sessions daily and will take part in Reading Rockstars (where they can earn raffle tickets and possible prizes for their reading efforts at home). Year 2 children will also bring home a colour banded scheme book which builds upon their phonics knowledge and some children may bring home an Accelerated Reading book which they will complete mini-quizzes on, in class, to assess their understanding of the story.

### Reminders

**PE days** - Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear and jewellery removed or covered. Please see the whole-school DOJO for further information on our uniform (including PE kits) policy.

**Snack** - Snack for the half term is £7. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full. Please send money in clearly labelled envelopes.

**Lining up** - Please ensure children are lined up on the yard (next to the bike shed) for 8:45am each morning. Please encourage their independence with this and refrain from standing with them or crowding around the entrance door upon arrival.

**Inhalers** - if your child has asthma, please ensure your child has an in-date inhaler and up-to-date asthma plan (signed by the GP) in school.

**Dinners** - please remember to pre-order children's school dinners on School Hub. For support with this, contact the school office.

### Who is who in Year 1 & 2?

Miss Watson is our class teacher and Mrs Kellett is our Senior Teaching Assistant. Mrs Kellett does not work on Thursdays. This half term, Miss Quarry will teach our class on Monday afternoons (KidSafe) and Miss Savage will teach our class on Friday mornings. Reece (PE Coach) will teach our PE on Wednesday afternoons.

### Keep up to date!

Please regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning / education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on this. Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on our Earwig page and our school website. Don't forget to check them out!