

# Back To School

## CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2 - 2025

Please contact Miss Watson on the email address below if you have any questions regarding your child's Year 1/2 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, we are continuing with our Talk 4 Writing journey using the story of 'Traction Man' as a basis. Our children are slowly developing the skills needed to write their own versions of the story at an age-appropriate level. In maths, we will be building on our Place Value foundations to complete 'addition and subtraction' work alongside shape work. In history, we will be focusing on Significant Individuals and understanding how one person can make a huge difference, starting by studying Mary Seacole. In DT, we will be continuing to work on the creation of our own puppets and pouches and we will also have a go at making some moving Christmas-themed pictures! For more information on our upcoming curriculum topics, please refer to our Curriculum Map which is on our class website page.

#### Empowering Learning

This half term we are learning to be Team Workers. We will be using the skills we learnt last half term as 'Self Managers' to engage well in collaborative tasks, ensuring we listen to others without interrupting them before confidently sharing ideas of our own. We will develop the skills needed to consider the views of everyone in a group, understanding that these views/ideas/opinions may differ from our own and that this is ok! We will work on turn-taking and sharing skills, showing that we are confident to both lead and to be directed by others. Skills that will stand us in good stead both in school and in our wider lives beyond the classroom.

#### Reading

We are very pleased to share that our children have made amazing progress in their phonics throughout Autumn Term 1. This means that some children may take part in phonics sessions with a different adult this half term as they have been regrouped based on their most recent assessments.

Please continue to support your child's reading journey at home by reading at least 5x a week. The books we set focus not only on decoding/sounding out of words and identifying sounds, but on fluency too! Remember that in the back of your child's reading record, there are some common exception words that your child should be practicing too!

As always, a brief dated comment in their reading record will allow them to be a true 'reading rockstar', standing them in great stead to win some amazing prizes in our weekly reading raffle!

### Reminders

**PE days** - This half term, we will take part in PE sessions on **Monday** and **Thursday**. On Mondays, Chris Hodgson (Cricket Coach) will lead our sessions and Miss Watson will lead PE on Thursdays. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must be removed or covered before coming to school too. Please see the whole-school DOJO or school website for further information on our uniform policy (including PE kits.)

**Snack** - Snack for the half term is £7.00. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Please send money in clearly labelled envelopes.

**Lining up** - Please ensure children are lined up on the playground (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. If your child is given a temporary inhaler for a cold, they must bring a GP signed wheeze plan into 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?

Mrs Kellett will cover Miss Watson's PPA time out of class this half term. This will usually occur on a Monday, but may change depending on the school timetable - children will be pre-warned about any changes to this as soon as we are aware of them. Miss Savage will continue to cover our class on Friday mornings.

Miss Bodey will also be supporting our class in the mornings this half-term.

### Don't miss out!

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 Class Dojo. Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Earwig and our school website, which includes our Year 1/2 class webpage. Don't forget to check them out!