

# Welcome to Year 2

## Jade Class

### 2024 - 2025

**Teachers: Mrs Beales**

**Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Owers and Miss Armstrong**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you've had a relaxing summer. I look forward to getting to know you and your child as the year goes on.

Our topics this half-term are Life Cycles and Castles. The children may have already told you about our caterpillars! We also have a trip to Mountfitchet Castle planned for next month. Please check the website in the coming weeks for an overview of what your child will be learning in all subjects.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle every day, reading book and reading diary, named clothing for any sports clubs and a healthy snack for break time (fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, cereal bar (no nuts), raisins etc.). No crisps, biscuits, cakes, chocolate etc. please.

#### **P.E & swimming**

Our P.E day this half-term is Tuesday. **Your child needs to come into school wearing their PE kit on a Tuesday.**

PE kit: black shorts, purple t-shirt, black sweatshirt, black jogging bottoms, socks and trainers.

Please ensure that jewellery is not worn on these days. Earrings are not allowed to be taped up and must be removed. All PE kit must be clearly named.

Swimming is on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Swimming kits must be plain black or dark colours please.

#### **Diaries and reading books**

Reading is such an important part of your child's education, as fluent reading allows them to access the wider curriculum. In school, we teach reading through daily phonics sessions, guided reading groups and individual reading. Your child will select a reading book from school. As part of their homework, we ask you to hear your child read for a minimum of 10 minutes per night. Please record this in your child's reading diary. When they have finished reading their book, your child may change it for a new one.

#### **Spelling**

In Year 2, the children will be taught a different spelling pattern each week and be given set words which use that pattern. There is no expectation for children to practise spellings at home as part of their homework. However, attached is an overview of the patterns taught each half-term so that you know what has been covered.

#### **Homework**

In order to support your child with their continued learning, we ask that they complete a Reading Eggs lesson each week and regularly use Doodlemaths and Numbots. Updated login information can be found in your child's reading record.

#### **Seesaw**

We are trialling using a platform called Seesaw. This is similar to Tapestry which is used in EYFS and will allow us to record and share the children's learning. I will send a separate letter with more details and a link to connect to your child's journal.

### **Helping in class**

We welcome parents to help with reading and other activities in school. A DBS check will be required. If you would like to become a regular helper in school, please do let me know which days and times you are available...and we'll find a job to suit you!

We look forward to working with you closely this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Beales', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Beales