



# class 2



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break with your children. It has been so lovely to welcome new and familiar faces into class 2 this week! I am looking forward to working with yourselves and teaching your children this year, along with the expert support and assistance from Mrs R Clarke, Mrs Lord and Mrs Goodwin. I would like to share with you our routines and expectations for class 2 this year.

## Curriculum Coverage

All children, in both year 1 and 2, will follow a similar lesson structure to last year where each day they will study Reading, English/Phonics, Mathematics and Spellings in the mornings and RE/Topic focused lessons in the afternoons, which include Science, History, Geography, Music, Art/DT, PSHE and PE. Incorporated into many of these lessons will be 'Busy Learning' activities where the children can challenge and stretch their knowledge further through 'hands-on' continuous provision tasks and outdoor learning. For the first two weeks we will be focusing on developing emotional literacy and understanding through our book 'An Emotional Menagerie' and then complete activities based around another book- 'Lost in the Toy Museum,' linking to our new history topic. You will receive further information about our curriculum coverage this term in the autumn topic grid.

## Homework

**Reading-** Each child is expected to read for at least 10 minutes every day as part of their homework. It is imperative that your child reads regularly, not only to develop their reading fluency but also their understanding, spelling knowledge and writing skills too. Please continue to listen to your child and discuss the text with them, recording this in their diaries each time with your initials/name and page numbers read. The children will receive team points each time they read. The more points they receive, the better chance we have of achieving the whole school 'Top Class Reader' award and they maybe in with a chance of receiving Class 2's 'Reader of the Week' award too! **Reading books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays each week.** If your child has finished their books early, they can either read from their library book or re-read their book and ask them lots of questions to secure their understanding. Books are also available to read via the online learning platform- Purple Mash, which I would encourage your child to access regularly too. (Logins are in the front of their reading record diary) **Our library day is on Thursdays**, so please ensure library books are in their bags so they can return and choose a new one.

**Spellings-** The children are currently being assessed on their spelling and phonics attainment. Once this has been completed, they will be placed into spellings/phonics groups. The first weekly spellings will be given out on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September ready for teaching and learning activities the week after. The first test will be on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. The children will be tested every Friday, and new spellings will be stuck in their diaries too for the following week. Please practise these with your child as often as possible.

**English and Maths-** Weekly maths and/or English/reading comprehension homework will be sent home on Wednesdays. On occasions there will also be topic-based homework too. Homework must be handed in by the following Monday each week. This should be completed **neatly and in pencil**. If homework is not handed in your child will be expected to complete this during their own break time. Homework will start on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. Children in year 2 will also be learning their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables facts this year. They will be tested on these each Friday, starting with 10 times table facts for this half term. The first test will be on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please practise these with your child as often as possible. They can also access games to help them on 'Times Tables Rock Stars'- logins are in the front of their reading records and times tables lists can be found in the back.

### Uniform and PE Kits

Children need to bring their PE kit into school every week. **PE lessons are currently on Mondays and Thursdays.** This should consist of black shorts, a white T-shirt and pumps for indoor lessons. Children will also need black tracksuit pants and trainers for outdoor lessons. In addition to this, we will be continuing our forest school/outdoor learning activities **every 3 weeks.** Again, please ensure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing such as pants, boots and waterproofs with them for each session. You will receive a message on School Spider the day before the session.

With regards to uniform and equipment please ensure your child wears the correct uniform every day. **They should always bring their book bag (with 1 key ring on), PE kit and reading book/diaries to school each day. They should also have a water bottle to keep in school too.** If you have any other queries such as hair accessories and earrings, please refer to our school policy or ask me if you are unsure about any other aspects. We try to encourage the children to be independent, when taking care of their own belongings in Class 2. However, there are occasions when items are misplaced, so please ensure all your child's items are labelled clearly.

### 'Stay and Pray' Worships

We will be continuing to invite you all into our 'Stay and Pray' worships, which will take place, **every 4 weeks**, on a **Wednesday** morning at 8:50am, for approximately 10-15 minutes. Our first 'Stay and Pray' worship will be on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and we love for you to come and join us! For future worships please check the school newsletter.

### Show and Tell

It is great when children want to bring in items to show or tell everyone about something exciting that has happened to them. Time will be allocated at the end of each day before class story time if your child would like to show or tell something.

### Entering and Leaving School

In the mornings between 8:50am and 9:00am, all children will enter school through the class 2 door on the top yard. Children will be dismissed from this door at home time from 3:15pm. Any child not collected by 3:25pm will be placed into KEYs club and charges will apply.

### Behaviour

As you will be aware, we have very high expectations of behaviour at St Peter's and in class 2 the children will consistently follow a reward chart. Children will be rewarded by means of stickers, wrist bands, team points and extra playtime. We strive to encourage children to make the right choices and children who do not adhere to the school rules, will be given a quiet reminder and the chance to improve. If children continue to make the wrong choices, they will be asked to lose part or all their playtime. If your child continues to be repeatedly sanctioned, I will contact yourselves for a meeting to discuss and manage this further. The children are all aware of the expectations and they have devised their own class promise for this year. I know they will all work hard to adhere to this and do their very best!

### Communication and Partnership

I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year. On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' alongside our Macmillan coffee afternoon from 1:45pm till 4pm, where you can come into class to see me and look at your child's new classroom. On occasions, we will write notes in your child's diary and letters will always be placed in their bags at the end of the day- **so please check these daily.** If you need to communicate a message to me, please use your child's diary, contact the office or send me an email at [c.green@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.green@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk). If you have any other queries or concerns, that you would rather speak in person about, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

Many Thanks,

*Miss Green and the Class 2 Team!*