

Dear Parents

Welcome back and we hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer over the last few weeks. We are all looking forward to welcoming back the children into the classroom and saying hello to new faces in Class 2.

As you are aware, Miss Lynch will be teaching Monday – Friday mornings focusing on English and Maths with the support of Mrs Coulthard and Miss Lichtblau. Miss Lynch will also be teaching Class 2 on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Mrs Billington will teach on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Children will be given a pencil case that has all the stationary they need inside therefore your child will not be required to bring any of these items to school. It would be welcomed if your child brought in a water bottle which they can fill up when needed.

As we welcome all children back into school, we would like to remind you of the importance of supporting your child's learning by:

### **Spelling**

Spellings appropriate for your child's year group will be put onto 'Spelling Shed' every Friday to be learned at home for the test the following week. If you would prefer a printed copy please let us know; our emails are below. To help you support your child at home please find attached a copy of words we will be testing over the course of Lower Key Stage 2.

### **Reading**

We would like to encourage the children to continue recording their home reading activity on 'Showbie.' However, if you would prefer a reading record, please let us know and we will send one home. We will demonstrate to the children how to record their home reading on 'Showbie'.

Your child's reading level will be assessed during the first few weeks and appropriate texts will be sent home for them to engage with. These school reading books will be changed weekly and they are also welcome to take home books from our library for pleasure. Please read with your child regularly and keep a record of this on 'Showbie'.

### **Homework**

This half term English and Maths homework will be put on 'Showbie' weekly with the expectation that this will be completed by the following Thursday. Again, if you prefer a printed copy then please get in touch and we can send printed copies home with your child.

## **PE**

This half term Miss Lynch and Mrs Billington will be taking the children to Gymnastics sessions at Morton Gym on a Wednesday afternoon. Children should come to school in their full PE kit. This consists of suitable trainers, dark leggings, joggers or shorts, a white PE top and either a school jumper or hoodie. Children with long hair should have this tied back and all jewellery, including earrings, must be removed or covered with tape.

## **Topic**

This half term our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. Children will develop their chronological understanding and learn where and how this period of time fits into the wider picture of world history. We will explore different aspects of life during the Stone Age period and discover what life was like in Skara Brae settlement.

In Science, our topic is 'Rocks'. We will be investigating different kinds of rocks and soils from the local area. The children will be carrying out investigations to classify different materials.

## **School iPads**

If your child has an iPad which was purchased through school, please remember this needs to come to school fully charged with your child every day. All children will have access to an iPad for learning as we have class sets available. For hygiene reasons, we kindly ask that your child brings, and keeps at school, a set of earphones or headphones that they can use with the iPads. If you or your child needs a reminder of any passwords for school websites please get in touch and we can send these over to you.

In Key Stage 2, we encourage an independent working environment and often children thrive and enjoy this. However, we do understand the transition from Class 1 can be difficult so please remember we have an open-door policy and are always happy to discuss any worries you might have either on the telephone or during an arranged appointment.

We are really looking forward to a more normal academic year and seeing the children flourish in the next step on their learning journey.

Many Thanks,

Miss Lynch, Mrs Billington, Mrs Coulthard and Miss Lichtblau

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