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Gulworthy Primary School Class 2

Dear Parents,

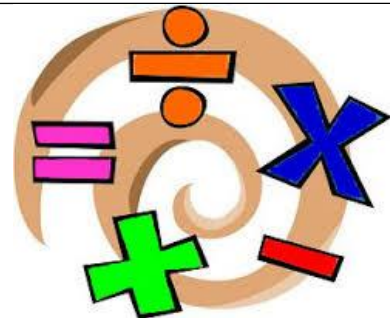
Welcome to a new school year. I hope you all had a great summer break. Class 2 comprises of a mixture of Year 3 and Year 4 children. There will be me, Mr Taylor: the class teacher, and Mrs Paton the class TA. Mrs Paton will be in class every morning and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Here is some more information that you may find useful.

Reading at Home/ Homework

The expectation in Class 2 is that you support your child in their reading by means of hearing your child read every day. Reading little and often (around 10 minutes a day) and focusing on: sounding out unfamiliar words, checking the meanings of words and checking for overall understanding of what has happened are all great ways to help your child with their reading. Each time you read together please write a comment in their reading diary. Books are changed as and when needed. Your child will also receive spellings on a weekly basis. We dedicate two lessons on spellings in school each week, so children become familiar with the rules or similarities given to them. The expectation is on continuing the learning of their spellings at home. Periodically, your child may be given other homework however this will be clearly stuck into their homework diary and they will be given ample time to complete this. This could include comprehension, maths or a project.

Thursday Afternoons

The class teacher on a Thursday afternoon will be Mrs Mammatt. She is an Art and Design Technology specialist and so she will be taking these two subjects (and RE) throughout the year.





Rewards

Class Dojos are used throughout the school, as our reward scheme. Dojos (points) can be earned for many things: helping others, good manners, trying hard etc. Your child will be awarded a certificate when 25, 50 and 100 Dojos have been earned. It's worth noting that at the end of each week, we look to see how many times children have read at home and, if the Reading Record Book has been completed at least four nights out of five, your child will be awarded three Dojos.

Furthermore, we will be continuing with Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. This is when children have free time as a reward for their hard work during the week. Every child begins the week with 25 minutes free time. Time will be removed for inappropriate behaviour, but only after suitable warnings and an explanation of why the behaviour was inappropriate.

PE Kits/ Forest School Clothing

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit, in school at all times. We will endeavour to keep PE to the same afternoon each week however we are influenced by the weather! We will do Forest School periodically through the year (hopefully during the warmer and drier months!) and you will be notified regarding clothing for this in advance.

Times Table Rockstars

Class 2 will be signed up to Times Table Rockstars! This is a digital way to help promote learning times tables. Shortly, each child will be given their username and password in order to do their times table practice at home. These can be done on any electronic device (android or apple) either by using the website <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> or downloading the app. We will also be using this system in school as a way of tracking and tailoring children's progress.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Mr Taylor