

## PI/2 Information

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable Summer. I am looking forward to meeting all our new PIs and welcoming back our P2 pupils! Please see the following information regarding PI/2 this year.

### **Schoolbags**

Children are allowed to bring schoolbags to school.

### **Stationary**

PI/2 pupils **do not** need to bring a pencil case to school. All supplies are provided in school.

### **P.E.**

P.E. days have changed and will now take place on **Thursday** and **Friday**. Children should wear their P.E. uniform on P.E. days.

### **Clothing**

Please send in a small bag with a **change of clothes** in case of a toilet accident or getting wet (children wear aprons at the water tray but some have been known to get a little over-excited!). Please also send in a pair of **welly boots** which will be kept in school. All items, including uniforms should be labelled.

### **Healthy Snack**

Please send a snack to school each day. We operate a **healthy break** policy so items such as fruit, yoghurts, crackers etc. are encouraged. Please send water as opposed to juice or fizzy drinks. If a child is also taking packed lunch, it can be helpful to show them which item is for snack and what is to be kept until lunch time.

### **Outdoor Play**

We love playing outdoors and aim to enjoy outdoor play twice a week. We usually do outdoor play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but these days are not fixed and may change. Please send in a coat each day as we will still go outdoors even if it is raining lightly.

### **Seesaw**

Please download the Seesaw Class and Family apps (you will receive instructions about how to log in) and keep an eye on them for updates and announcements.

## Topic

Our first topic this year will be 'Autumn'. Children are welcome to bring in relevant items and display them on our Autumn table (e.g. a conker they found when out for a walk), or you can send in a photos via Seesaw that we can print out and also display on our table.

## Homework

### Reading

Reading will commence in mid-September for P2 pupils once we have assessed children's reading levels. P1 will begin reading after half-term.

It is important to read regularly with your child, listening to them and talking about the book. We also encourage you to read for pleasure with your child at home (e.g. bedtime stories).

### High Frequency Words

P1 pupils will receive a word box and each week words will be added that children should learn to **read** (they are **not** required to spell these words).

P2 pupils will be given a list of words to practise each week.

### Spellings and Mental Maths

P2 pupils will start spellings and mental maths after half term. Spellings and mental maths should be practised at home in preparation for our Friday Test.

## Phonics

In P1 we use a phonics-based approach to teach reading and writing. For the first 6 weeks or so we will be doing a lot of pre-phonics work (e.g. rhyming, syllables) and then we will start to learn a new sound each week. Children will be given sound cards to reinforce them at home, but I will explain this later in the term. This video is helpful for correctly pronouncing each of the sounds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about the information above, or any other questions. Thanks for all your help.

Miss Best