



*A journey of learning for all, within God's guiding hands*

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Class Two. Can you believe that in two terms time we will be finishing the school year?

All of Class Two hope that you have had a wonderful Easter break. There have been a few changes to the timetable:

The school day - the gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:50am. Morning activities are put out for the children everyday (these are very often linked to what the children will be/have been learning), so it is vital that children are coming through the gate in the morning otherwise they may miss vital information. Pick up on a Monday and a Friday will continue to be from the church.

PE - Our PE days have changed! Class Two will need to be in PE kits on Monday and Friday, please. The expectation is that children are in the standard PE kit. As the weather gets warmer you may want to apply sun cream, and the children may want to bring hats.

Coats/jumpers/cardigans - As the weather warms up, there will be less need for coats. Jumpers and cardigans will be likely be being removed more and more so please ensure that these are labelled.

Snacks and drinks - children have snack time everyday. The expectation is that the children can bring in their own healthy snack, or we always have healthy snacks available in class. Crisps, chocolate bars, etc are not classed as healthy snacks.

Reading and homework - reading at home is one of the most important things that can happen at home in terms of supporting a child's academic development. We will continue to change phonics books when handed in. Every week, the children also have a book linked to their phonics lessons (these need to come in on the Friday), and we encourage children to enjoy any books at home (fiction and non-fiction). Certain children will be moving on to the Accelerated Reader programme (Year Two). Separate letters will be coming home explaining how this works. Homework information will come home on Friday.

Equipment, bags and toys - we have all of the necessary equipment that the children need for their lessons so there is no need for pencil cases or their own stationery. We do not have the room for large school bags, a school book bag is perfect as it then fits in trays. We understand why a child may want to bring little fiddly toys in, but the expectation is that unless these are linked to a SEND need, they should not be in school.

Curriculum - below is a short overview of what we will be learning this term. Phonics groups will happen everyday, and the learning within these groups is linked to the level of the children.

#### Science

This term, we will be focusing on plants. We will be learning about different parts of flowering plants, how plants survive, their lifecycles and the similarities and differences between different species. We will be planting sunflowers and growing gardens.

#### Topic

This term, we will be looking at geography across the United Kingdom and locally. We will be learning about the different countries and their capital cities, areas of water around Great Britain, famous UK landmarks, and also taking a closer look at the nature a bit closer to us.

#### English

This term, we will be reading Flat Stanley and Tad. This will give the children the opportunity to use certain reading skills to answer questions: prediction, inference, understanding vocabulary, summarising and retrieving. Children will also have the opportunity to write information texts linked to science.

#### Maths

The children will begin with revision of the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) before moving on to money and then fractions. It would be great if children could help with shopping tasks. One of the most challenging things to learn is that 100 pennies is equivalent to £1, and that 167 pence is also £1 and 67p. Although we use them less and less, if the children could see some coins that would be great.

#### RE

This term, we will be learning about what it means to be part of a faith community.