



St Agnes C of E (V.A) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Class 2! We hope that everyone has had a lovely summer break and that the children are ready for an exciting and busy year ahead. Class 2 is an exciting stage in the children's primary education. As pupils move through Years 1 and 2, we provide them with the skills needed to become increasingly independent, organised and responsible for their own learning, while ensuring that they continue to feel well supported by both school and home. The children will be supported throughout the week by Mrs Crickett, Mrs Cooper-Wilson, Miss Southwood and Miss McDonald.

Planners and Reading

Every child must bring their planner to school every day. Planners are an important link between home and school and are used to record reading, targets, homework and messages.

We ask that parents/carers support us by:

- encouraging regular reading at home;
- recording reading in the planner;
- checking and signing the planner each week;
- using the planner to communicate any important information to school.

If you have written an important message in your child's planner, please remind them to let a member of staff know.

Homework

Homework will be given out every Tuesday and must be completed, signed and returned by the following Monday. As children move through Key Stage 1, completing homework regularly is an important part of developing confidence with key skills and creates good learning habits.

Please complete one activity from each box on the homework grid (9 activities per week) some are talking activities or activities to share with parents and family members. Others might recap skills previously taught in class. Evidence is not always necessary but if your child would like to bring in their work, we would be delighted to see it. Weekly spellings will be given and children are encouraged to practise these regularly at home as well as in school. We completely understand that there may occasionally be circumstances that make completing homework difficult. Please communicate this with Mrs Crickett as soon as possible, so that we are aware and can put steps in place to support your child.

You can make a huge difference by supporting regular reading, practising spellings, encouraging neat handwriting and presentation, ensuring homework is completed on time and helping your child arrive at school each morning organised and ready to learn.

Please ensure your child brings their school reading book in every Friday so it can be swapped for the new one. This will ensure your child stays enthusiastic about reading and excited for the next adventure.





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Handwriting and Presentation

Spellings

Spelling will be an important focus in Class 2 this year. Children are expected to develop confidence with the Year 1 or 2 common exception words alongside the spelling patterns and rules taught in school. Children will be expected to apply the words and patterns they have learned accurately within their everyday writing across the curriculum. Regular practice at home makes an enormous difference. Short, frequent practice is often much more effective than trying to learn a large number of words in one session.

Learning in Class 2

Class 2 has a busy, fast-paced and broad curriculum. Alongside daily English and mathematics, children will study a wide range of subjects and topics throughout the year. They will have access to the continuous provision throughout the school day where they can use playdough, construction, craft equipment and other play-based tools. Continuous provision is the way we organise our KS1 classroom so that children have regular opportunities to learn through carefully planned activities and resources that they can access independently. It allows children to practice skills, make choices, solve problems and follow their own interests, while adults are nearby to support and extend their learning when needed. This helps children become more confident, responsible and independent learners, as they learn to make decisions, manage resources and take ownership of their learning. In reading, children will take part in paired and individual reading to an adult each week. They will be encouraged to discuss what they have read, the characters and predict what could happen next. In writing, children work towards a range of non-negotiable skills and targets. We will work with them to improve spellings, use of punctuation and handwriting by the use of growing green and getting them to fix any mistakes themselves. The same principle applies in mathematics, where children will continue to develop key skills, fluency and reasoning.

PE and Uniform

Children need the correct PE kit/uniform in school; please refer to the school website for up to date information on uniform. Children participate in weekly PE sessions every Monday and Friday and will come to school wearing their PE kit. This will then be worn all day in school. Indoor PE on a Monday will require children to work in bare feet. Please practise taking off and putting on shoes to help with speed and confidence to do this.

Children should wear the correct school uniform and suitable school shoes. Jewellery, earrings and nail varnish should not be worn to school. We ask parents and carers to support us in maintaining these expectations throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please speak to a member of the Class 2 team. Good communication between home and school is incredibly important to us. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children and to a happy, successful and exciting year in Class 2.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Crickett

