



Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

## **Welcome to “Dragonflies Class”!**

We hope that the children are enjoying being back in school, will settle quickly and enjoy their new Year 2 class.

I am the class teacher, Mr Atterton. I work Monday-Thursday; Miss Greenaway and Ms Kayes will be in class on a Friday. I look forward to a fantastic year with the children in Dragonflies class as well as working closely with you to support your child’s learning. If you have any concerns, however small they may seem, please don’t hesitate to catch me for a chat or make an appointment. In this way I find that most problems can be solved very quickly.

### **Starting the school day**

The children should arrive in school at 9am. After a hand wash, we try to start the day in a calm way with the children coming in quietly and beginning their early morning work. This will often be a short activity or challenge with an English or Maths focus. We will be encouraging independence in the children, so they will be expected (with support initially if needed) to organise their own things. We aim to have all the children working at their tables by 9.10 am in order to do the register.

### **P.E. and Water bottles**

The children will be doing P.E. twice a week. Their PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday** and so will need to have full, named P.E. kit in school on these days. It is best that the PE kit is kept at school during term time so if these days are changed for any reason, your child can still take part in PE. We are lucky enough to have some professional trainers in this year who will be teaching the children during a Friday afternoon PE lesson (starting this week). We will do as much P.E as possible outside until the weather deteriorates so they will also need suitable footwear. Sometimes trainers can be preferable as they support the foot and provide better grip than plimsolls. Please also remember named water bottles each day. These should be taken home at the end of each day for the water to be refreshed.

### **Homework and Reading**



The children are usually set a piece of homework each weekend. This will often be related to our learning in English and Maths but may sometimes be a science, history or geography activity. It is intended that children are able to complete the homework independently with little to no support. Sometimes, however, if you feel your child does need the support it can be a great opportunity to help your child’s learning. We appreciate that many children have busy weekends and so ask for homework set on Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday, but the teacher will always tell the children when it is due in. The homework should be put in the homework tray at the front of the classroom.

Spare copies can also be found in this tray just in case a worksheet is lost. We hope that by setting regular and interesting homework we will encourage the good, independent study skills the children will need at their junior schools.

We do not generally send spellings home to be learnt. However, we do study a set of words and spelling patterns each week in class as part of our daily phonics sessions. If you wish to look at spellings at home the first 200 high frequency words and the Year 2 common exception words are a great starting point. Please can you also continue to record home reading in the reading diaries. We look at the diaries each Friday and reward regular reading. Books in the library area are available for home reading but the children may read anything! Even as children become more fluent it is still important to read aloud and talk about books to develop comprehension skills.



### **Class Dojo**

This has been set up for class weekly homework and for setting work in the event of a child self-isolating/local lockdown. Please may all regular parent/teacher correspondence continue to be emailed to [info@stpetersinfant.org](mailto:info@stpetersinfant.org) and not via Class Dojo.

### **Library**

We also hope to establish a regular library day for borrowing books. The children love the opportunity to choose new texts. Last year there were some parent volunteers who ran the library regularly for the class. When restrictions allow, if anybody feels they might be able to take on this job, please let us know.

### **End of the School day**

At the end of the school day I will come out on the field with the children for a 3pm collection. Children will not be released until I have seen the adult I understand has been planned to pick up the child.

If there is a change to the regular adult picking up your child, please can you let a member of staff know or call the school office. If you have an arrangement with another adult for a child to be picked up on certain days of the week, please let me know at the beginning of the term.

I hope all this information is helpful and I am very much looking forward to teaching the children this year.

Kind Regards,

Tim Atterton