

Dear Parents and Carers,

11th September 2020

We have really enjoyed welcoming your children back to school. The Year 2 team has been busy preparing for your child to join us in what we hope will be another exciting year for them. Within the team we have:

CLASS	TEACHER (S)
Copenhagen	Mrs Mead (Mon/Tues/Wed and Thurs a.m.) TBC Thurs p.m.) Mr Strange (Fri)
Paris	Mr Strange (Mon/ Tues) Mrs Pearson (Wed/ Thurs /Fri)
Year 2 Teaching Assistants: Miss Rance, Mrs Newton	

Morning Drop Off

Every morning, a teacher will be there to greet your child as they enter the building. The arrival time for Year two is **8.40**. Both classes enter the building using the Y3/4 entrance (next to Copenhagen class). If you wish to speak to the class teacher, both class teachers will be available at the end of the school day - any urgent messages are to be relayed through the school office. If your child is going to be collected from school by somebody else, please inform the school office. We will not allow your child to go home with another adult, unless we have your permission. Your child needs to be collected at **3.05**. Paris class to be collected from the Paris class door and Copenhagen from the Year 3/4 door.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book, reading diary and a water bottle to school each day. Your child's belongings need to be labelled, to avoid items going missing.

Our Topic

A copy of this term's 'Knowledge Organiser' is available on the school website as well as coming home with your child. This contains the key knowledge your child will be learning this term. The focus for this term will be learning about ourselves through our first topic, 'Marvellous me'. Please work with your child to help them to learn the information on the knowledge on the organiser.

Snack

Each day your child will be provided with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as part of the free fruit and vegetable scheme. If you wish your child to receive milk, you will need to register online at www.coolmilk.com and pay the requested fee.

Homework

Your child will receive a times tables grid in their orange book to complete each week. They may need your support to complete this initially and will hopefully grow in confidence and independence as the

weeks go by. We also ask that you read daily with your child and ensure their book and diary come to school each day. We reward the children for the number of nights they have read at home so please complete their reading diary daily so that they can receive their rewards. Each child has online access to Active Learn primary (Bug Club) where a range of questions are automatically generated for each read. We would highly recommend using this resource. Each child's login details are in the front of their reading diary.

A weekly spelling list will be sent home in your child's yellow spelling book each Friday. This is linked to the spelling patterns they have learnt in school and they will be tested on a **Thursday** morning, therefore, books need to be returned on a **Thursday**. When your child is learning how to spell each word, please encourage them to write at least 3 words into a sentence. This is to support children with developing their writing stamina and to give each word a context.

Reading

Children are able to change their books each day if they need to and are able to choose their own book from their correct colour banding. In class, individual reading will be completed at least once a fortnight with the teacher or teaching assistant. Guided Reading happens four times a week where your child is asked a variety of questions to develop their reading skills. This will focus heavily upon comprehension and inference skills, building up each child's confidence and ability to discuss texts.

P.E.

Please can children come to school wearing their P.E. kit on their designated days This should consist of a named white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and suitable footwear. Your child will have P.E. on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** every week. If your child wears earrings please can you either remove them on P.E. days or provide tape to cover them. The children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape. We do require long hair to be tied back for P.E sessions for health and safety purposes, so a secure ponytail or plaits are ideal on PE days.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry for when they go outside to play.

Download the SCHOOP App

All communication from school comes through Schoop. To receive current information and updates from school, please ensure you have downloaded the 'Schoop' app to your mobile device or computer. Our Schoop ID is 23055. Please also **update** your Schoop alerts so that you receive information from the **Year Two team**. Within the app, you can also request that schoop messages come through to your email address if this is more convenient to you.

Please take a look at the school website www.oakhurst.swindon.sch.uk and facebook page for further information regarding the Year 2 classes. Remember to check our 'for the fridge dates' under the calendar tab on the school website. This outlines all the key dates and events for the year.

Many thanks, The Year Two Team

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