

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you have all had a very enjoyable summer. This term's enquiry title is 'To infinity and beyond!' We will be spending the first few weeks focussing on the first flight to the moon and the life of an astronaut. The Explorer Dome will be visiting us to transport us into space. We will also be learning about The Great Fire of London and buildings from the past with a little magic and mystery thrown in too.

Morning Routine

It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40 am so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. We appreciate your support in helping your child settle into the school day however we would like to promote independence from the beginning of Year 2 onwards. In each class children will come into guided reading and have an activity to complete.

PE

PE will continue to be on set days but we ask you to please ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise during the week. PE kits will come home at the end of the day on a Friday. Please can you make sure they are returned Monday morning. Our games PE session will be outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels, (including jumpers and cardigans) as last term we had lots of lost property.

Reading

As a class we will visit the library regularly during the week. During this time children have access to a range of books and can change them as frequently as they wish. Please remind your children if they need to change their books as they have the opportunity almost daily. The expectation for reading fluency in Year 2 is that children can read approximately 90 words per minute, to be able to achieve this they must practise regularly. Reading is very important, please hear your child read as often as possible, this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this in their home school contact books so we can see all their hard work.

Homework/Spellings

Homework will be sent out at the beginning of term with the due date on the top of the sheet. Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. You may also choose to practise words from the 'statutory word list' if your child would like an extra spelling challenge! Please ask your class teacher if you do not have a list of these.

Communication

We are available before or after school on most days if you wish to come and see us for any particular reason. Alternatively you can leave a message in the home/school contact books or email and we will respond as soon as possible. If you would like to contact via email please send it to: ks1manager@redoaks.swindon.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 8th September for our welcome meeting in Mrs Maxfield's classroom.

Many thanks,
Mrs Maxfield and Miss McGahey ☺