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10th September 2021

Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents/Careers of Foxes and Badgers,

Welcome to Year 2, we are happy and excited to welcome you back after the summer. We want to make each and every day count, ensuring that your child settles back into school and continues positively on their learning journey. For this to happen we are looking forward to building a positive working relationship with you as parents/carers and wanted to start this partnership by giving you an overview of what to expect in Year 2.

The School Day

Currently the school day for Year 2, is from **8.40 to 15:15**. If you arrive late, please go to the school office to book in, as the register in class may have already been taken. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time for the start of the school day and is collected promptly at the end of the day. It is distressing for young children to have to enter a classroom after everyone else has settled or to be left at the end of the day when everyone else has gone.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform and black shoes. All uniform, coats, book bags and lunchboxes should be clearly named. **For safety purposes only one single stud earring is allowed as part of the school uniform and no earrings are permitted on PE days.**

PE

PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. On these days, your child should come to school in the correct PE kit. PE can take place both inside and outside, so make sure they are dressed appropriately. **No earrings are permitted.**

Book bags and water bottles

Please ensure that your child has their named book bag and named water bottle (**water only**) in school every day. Please check your child's book bag each day, as letters are often sent this way.

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Reading books

In Year 2 we expect your child to read at least 3 times a week for a minimum of ten minutes. Your child will change their reading book on a Monday and a Thursday. They will all bring home a reading book for pleasure. Please ensure both books are kept in their book bag, so they are ready to change and use in school everyday. The children will also have a reading record to share with you the reading completed in school and for you to share what they have read at home. Please can you write a comment in and sign when they have read at home. If your child reads 1:1 with an adult at school, they will write a comment in the reading record too. Your child will read every day during their phonics lessons however these will not be recorded on their reading records.

Homework

Year 2 homework will be given out next week and your child will have until the last week of term to hand it in. This will be the week beginning Monday the 18th October. Your child will come home next week with a menu of activities to choose from. Please can you ensure your child completes a minimum of three activities, one from each category. The categories are, Creative, English and Maths.

Lunchtime and Breaktime

Your child does not need to bring a snack into school for breaktime. The children are provided with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack each morning, these are provided by the Government.

At lunchtime, your child can have a universal free school meal, or they can bring in a named packed lunch.

The curriculum

Each term we have a topic or theme that we focus our learning around

Autumn 1 – Home Sweet Home

Autumn 2 – Town and Country

We also study a range of books and genres to extend the children's knowledge and vocabulary.

During the year we will have visitors in and visits out of school that enhance and broaden the children's learning and interests. We will also have opportunities for parents to attend assemblies, workshops, events, and parents' evenings.

Our focus books are Changes by Anthony Browne, Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett and The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers. Please see the attached 'Curriculum Map Overview' for the curriculum in Year 1. You can support your child by reading with them at home and by completing the homework set.

Newsletters

During the term newsletters will be sent out sharing what is happening at Shepherdswell Academy.

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Website and social media

For further information and to keep up date with what is happening at Shepherdswell Academy, please visit our school website at or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

The Year Two Team

Mrs Brackenbury and Mrs Craven – Foxes class teachers

Miss Wiltshire – Foxes TA

Mr Sheppard – Badgers class teacher

Miss Jones – Badgers TA

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