

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year Two. The daily routine for the children is much the same as last term. Children will arrive through the gates from 8.45am. The gates shut promptly at 8.55am to ensure learning can begin at 9.00am. Lateness can be disruptive for the class and the children who are late. Please ensure that children all have a named water bottle with them and their school book bag with their reading record and message book inside. Snack is free but children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home if they prefer. Lunches are free this year and can be booked up to 8am on the morning of each day. Please ensure that any changes are communicated to us if your child is being collected by someone different or if they are not travelling home on the school bus.

Visitors/parents/carers must continue to report to the main reception entrance where any queries, early collection etc will be dealt with by the admin team. KS1 staff will not answer the pod front door to avoid interruptions to teaching and for safeguarding reasons.

Our PE days for this half term will be **Monday** and **Wednesday**. The children may continue to attend school in their PE kit on these days, as well as if they have a sports after school club. PE kit consists of black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and navy PE hoodie. The children may wear black trainers every day as we will regularly make use of our running track. Children should be wearing their full school uniform on other days. More information can be found here: <https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/winkleigh/parent-information/uniform>

Once the children arrive in class, they will store their belongings before beginning their morning task. This will be followed each day by guided reading, maths, spelling and English sessions before lunch. The rest of the curriculum will take place in the afternoon. This involves History, Geography, PSHE, Science, PE, Music, Art, Design & Technology and Computing. Subject information pages can be found on the Year 2 page of our website. More information about our curriculum aims and mission statements can be found here: <https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Curriculum+in+Detail&pid=191>

Please ensure that the children have a **coat** in school every day as we make the most of our outdoor spaces every day. They should be wearing sun screen/sun hats during any warm weather. The children should carry their belongings in a **book bag**. We do not have the space for rucksacks in our cloakrooms and as such, children using them will be required to store them outside.

At the start and end of the day, please ensure that you use the pavement and supervise children carefully as we have buses arriving and departing. Children should not be playing on the grass bank or in the staff car parking area.

The children will continue to have a reading book sent home and changed weekly. Please can any existing school books be returned as we cannot give a new reading book unless the previous one has been brought back. Children need to bring their Polar Bear reading record book everyday as the children regularly read in school. Our class spellings will be sent home each half term and a weekly spelling check will take place on a Monday. We will also continue our weekly maths fluency challenge, helping to ensure the children know key number facts before entering Key Stage 2. Reading regularly at home is of paramount importance as this will have the most impact on your child's progress across the curriculum. Reading records will be checked in school on your child's guided reading day. The children also have access to Collins ebooks and Numbots for maths – please do contact me if you have any problems accessing these.

During this term, we will be visiting West Town Farm, Ide. This trip will link to our learning in Science about plants and to our history learning on food and farming in the Summer Term. More details will follow in a separate letter closer to the time. We also have Science Day coming up on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January and this will include a visit from a dental health nurse to talk about keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

We are pleased to continue to be able to offer wraparound care. Our Early Birds club runs from 07.45-08.45 offering the option of breakfast. Our All Sorts club runs from 15.30-18.00. Both of these can be booked via the gateway and offer a variety of activities through the week to engage all children.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs V Fenemore and deputies are Mr W Slocombe and Mrs D Rowcliffe. In the event that you have any concerns, please contact them through [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) Nationally, there has been an increase in children accessing the internet independently through a range of device, such as 'phones, gaming devices and tablets, it is possible to view very inappropriate content.

We promote key mental health values such as kindness; resilience and open communication; helping children to name and understand their feelings. Staff are trained to identify early signs of emotional difficulty, including changes in behaviour or engagement. Our Designated Mental Health Lead (DMHL), Mrs Rowcliffe, is the main point of contact for Early Help, supporting pupils and families to ensure concerns are identified early and appropriate support is put in place, she can be contacted through [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk).

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) and we will aim to reply within 48 hours. Message books are used in Key Stage One and Early Years and some information will be communicated through them. Teachers are not available at the start or end of the day as they are busy overseeing these transitions. If you require an appointment with me, as class teacher, via telephone or in person, please email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) to arrange a suitable time.

Kind regards,

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