

**Dear new Year 2 Children,**

We are very much looking forward to being your teachers from September, so we thought we would write to tell you a little bit about what our time together will be like so you can look forward to it over the summer holiday.

We were wondering what you will be getting up to over the summer holiday, maybe you will be doing some of the same things as us?

Mrs Billington says, "I will hopefully be doing lots of my favourite things, like going for a run, I love running and exercise. My favourite sport is Netball but unfortunately, we can't play that yet, so instead, I will probably be playing games with my four boys outside and in the park, like football and cricket!"

Mrs Hewitson says, "I'm hoping to spend time during the summer holidays tidying up my garden and going out for walks in the countryside with my two girls. We will also do lots of baking!"



**Well-being**

So much has happened to us all over these last few months! We have all been through lockdown and experienced the changes that brought. Some of those changes were good and gave us more time with our families; some of the changes have been hard too.

In school, we will spend a lot of time making sure we have time to understand our thoughts and feelings and have a chance to practise some things that can help with those thoughts and feelings too.

Exercising our bodies helps us with what is going on in our minds, so does chatting about it, reading stories about others with the same feelings and also having time to laugh and play with each other. We will make sure we all have opportunity to find out what we each need to feel well in our bodies from the top of our heads to the tip of our toes!

**Independence**

Remember how much we love to see you 'taking responsibility'? We love to see children who can take care of all of their belongings, follow instructions and are ready to learn. We are certain you will all be brilliant at this in Year 2!

**Other things to remember;**

**PE kit, Book Bag, Drinks Bottle with water in,**

**Waterproof coat.**

**Listening and Attention**

Being back in a class of 28 is going to be different for us all after such a long break so, we thought it would be good to remind you that in school we do our best to listen to whoever is speaking and make sure we take turns to speak. We hope you haven't forgotten we put our hand up when we would like to say something. Maybe you could practise this at home! 😊

**Some of what we will learn next term...**

**Maths** – We will begin by practising place value of 2-digit numbers, then we will practise calculating with numbers up to 100.

**English** - We will be reading some of the Mrs Armitage stories and using them as our focus for writing our own sentences and short texts.

**Science** - We will be exploring different materials.

**Topic – RE – Judaism** We will be learning about the importance of the Torah, the star of David and the celebration of shabbat for Jews.

**Some things you can do in the holiday...**

There are lots of things we can do to keep busy in the holiday;

**Reading** –We will be looking forward to getting into some good books over the holidays, Summer Reading Challenge. Please remember that you can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, Silly Squad, to keep reading all summer long. Go to: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**Spellingframe** – The Spellingframe you have been so brilliantly using for home learning will still be able to be accessed to keep on top of all your spellings.

**Project** – We thought it might be fun if we all had a go at a class project over the holiday. Please compile a scrapbook (or similar) which can include any or all of the following:

- All about me (this will help Mrs Hewitson get to know you a bit better)
- My favourite pieces of work completed during lockdown (make sure you explain what the task was and why you enjoyed it)
- My hobbies and new things I have tried this year (have you learnt any new skills during lockdown?)

**School competitions** – There are some competitions that you can enter, have a look in the school newsletters.

**Goodbye!** Have a lovely summer holiday, stay safe and be kind to one another, and remember most of all that we are very excited to see you and we have so much to look forward to in being back together in September. Year 2 is going to be great! Love from, **Mrs Billington and Mrs**

**Hewitson** 😊 😊