



Thursday 9th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 2 - we hope you had a lovely Summer break! We start the year with the topic '**Childhood!**'. Our main focus these first few weeks is however on your child's wellbeing and making their transition into class 2 an exciting and positive experience. During our topic, we will be looking at events beyond living memory, life in the 1950s and stages of human life. Please see the Topic Plan '**Childhood**' attached for the activities your child will be engaging in.

Timetable and Routines

Your child's teaching team comprises of:

- Your class teachers, **Holly Marshall**
- Your full time Teaching Assistant, **Sarah Bayes**
- **Dee Seddon**, our KS1 School Improvement Lead (SIL)
- **Gail Holmes**, Head Teacher

Whole class PE is on Tuesday.

Swimming is on a Thursday (Year 2 only initially) whilst Year 1 have an additional PE session.

Communication

We will be continuing to use Class Dojo to keep you up to date with what we are doing in class.

Using Dojo is a really useful tool which means we can easily communicate with you: we can instantly share messages, updates and photographs from class. It's a great way for you to see what your child is doing in school and to get in touch with us.

Our Curriculum- C360



At Combe Martin our curriculum 360 (C360) is built upon four cornerstones:

Character, Community, Excellence and Innovation.

At Combe Martin we aim for every child to be a successful part of a safe, happy, caring community of learners. We want to ensure all individuals regardless of their race, gender or disability acquire the skills and knowledge needed to achieve their full potential in a rapidly

changing world. We want children to achieve this while we encourage an enjoyment of life-long learning, promote a healthy lifestyle, through a curriculum which is relevant, stimulating, broad, balanced, innovative and creative.

We are part of the Alumnis Multi Academy Trust, regularly working with a collection of local schools to share outstanding practice and better the outcomes of all local children. See the school website for more information about our vision, values and curriculum.

Phonics and Reading



Your child will start by quickly recapping Phases 2-5 of Letters and Sounds. Please go to the Letters and Sounds website below for more information and resources - <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

During the first full week we will be sending home “Home Readers” which are for you to share with your child. You may keep each book until they are confident with the text and you are happy they are ready for a new one. We will also send home a ‘Love Reading’ exercise book. This is for you to record your child's reading in. The expectation is that you share a book with your child each day and a note of this is recorded in this book. School staff will also record any reading your child does in school and make comments on their progress.

Maths

The children will be working on a range of mathematics this half term, including place value, addition and subtraction. We will be using equipment to support their learning and there will be many visual aids too. We will also have a focus on writing numbers correctly, ensuring that larger numbers are written the correct way round (e.g. 20- 02) and all numbers are written/formed by starting at the top.

General Information

You should have all received an email invite to ‘School Money’. Here you book your child’s school dinners, or record them as a packed lunch (the cut off is 12pm the night before), book morning and after school clubs, and pay for trips and equipment. Please also enter if your child has a home school packed lunch so we don’t provide a school dinner. Please contact the office if you have any more questions.

Full school uniform must be worn, including black shoes. Long hair must be tied back, no hair products please. **PE will be on Tuesday (whole class) and Thursday (Year 1)** this half term, so please ensure that your child wears their full kit into school on this day. A spare PE kit should also be left in school in case your child needs a change of clothes. They can get wet and muddy in the Autumn term!

PE kits must include: a school hoodie, hat, gloves, trainers, black tracksuit trousers or leggings, a spare white shirt and socks. A plastic bag kept inside the PE bag is always useful too, for muddy trainers.

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day and that all items are labelled with your child's name!

If your child has a packed lunch, no plastic bags please. We are a plastic free school so reusable containers only, and ensure that they are clearly named. Please ensure your child brings a drink to school- Only water, no squash/juice.

Dates To Remember



- Our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting will take place on Monday 13th September at 2:30pm
- Harvest Festival- to be confirmed
- Class trip to Barnstaple Museum- Monday 18th October
- WB 25th October – Half Term (INSET DAY- 22nd October)

If you require further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or email!

Miss Marshall and the KS1 Team