



Welcome to Year Two

We hope you had a relaxing, fun-filled summer. We are really pleased to have you back in school and we are looking forward to all the exciting topics that are planned for this year.

The Year 2 classes are -

Pine - Mrs C Booth (class teacher and team leader) and Mrs S MacLeod (class teacher) with Miss L Huyzer (teaching assistant) and Mrs A Hill (teaching assistant).

Spruce - Mrs S Adamcsik (class teacher and team leader) with Miss A Polkinghorne (teaching assistant).

Holly - Miss L Frank (class teacher) with Mrs R Rietdyk (teaching assistant), Mrs C Corbitt (teaching assistant) , Mrs Lawrence (teaching assistant) and Miss L Bales (teaching assistant).

Reading books - Your child will be given 2 reading books that will be changed every Monday and Thursday. Please take the time to hear your child read every night and write a short comment in their yellow reading record book. It does help with their reading skills if they read a book more than once as the first reading will concentrate on decoding the words on the page while the second (or third) time can focus on fluency and comprehension. We constantly assess the children and we will change their reading colour when it is appropriate based on fluency and comprehension skills.

Sharing presentations - the children will be required to give a short sharing presentation to their class. There will be a label in the yellow reading record to inform you when it is your child's turn.

During the sharing presentation they will be encouraged to talk for up to three minutes about any subject they wish, although we would like you to encourage them to prepare it beforehand, eg talk about an interesting book, a favourite outing they have been on or something that really interests them. We do not want anything brought in from home for the presentations however the children can email a PowerPoint or pictures using the class email address that we will help them to share with the class.

P.E. - this term and from next week, until the October holidays, Spruce and Holly will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays and Pine on Mondays and Fridays. On these days the children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit. Although we do have Alwyn P.E. T-shirts available to buy from the office, children are allowed to wear any sensible sports T-shirts, shorts/joggers/leggings, their Alwyn jumper/cardigan and trainers. PE sessions take place indoors and outdoors so please make sure their sports clothes are appropriate for the weather as they will be wearing them all day.

Due to health and safety reasons, children may not be able to participate if they do not have the appropriate footwear and clothing. Children should not wear earrings on PE days and should have long hair tied up.

Water bottles - please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Filtered water is available should a refill be necessary.

We will continue to use class emails this year. For urgent issues please contact the school office (office@alwyn.org.uk), as class emails will not be monitored regularly.

Pine parents please use: pine@alwyn.org.uk

Spruce parents please use: spruce@alwyn.org.uk

Holly parents please use: holly@alwyn.org.uk

Keep checking the yellow reading record books for any messages or replies from us.

In order for you to hear about all the different things we do in school, we will send out text messages, electronic letters and share information on the school website.

We look forward to working with your children and you over the year,

Best wishes

The Year 2 Team