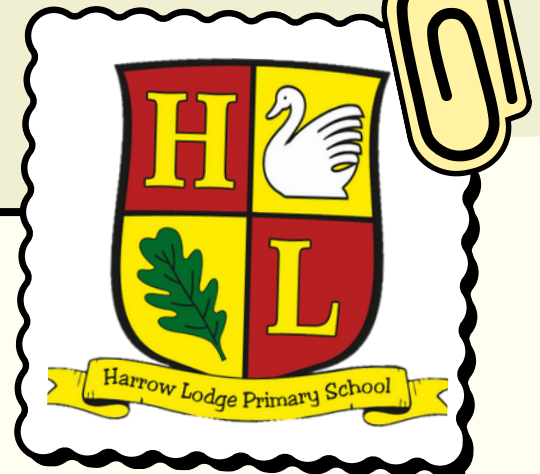# Welcome to Year 2

We hope you have had a lovely summer and we are looking forward to lots of exciting times ahead with your children!
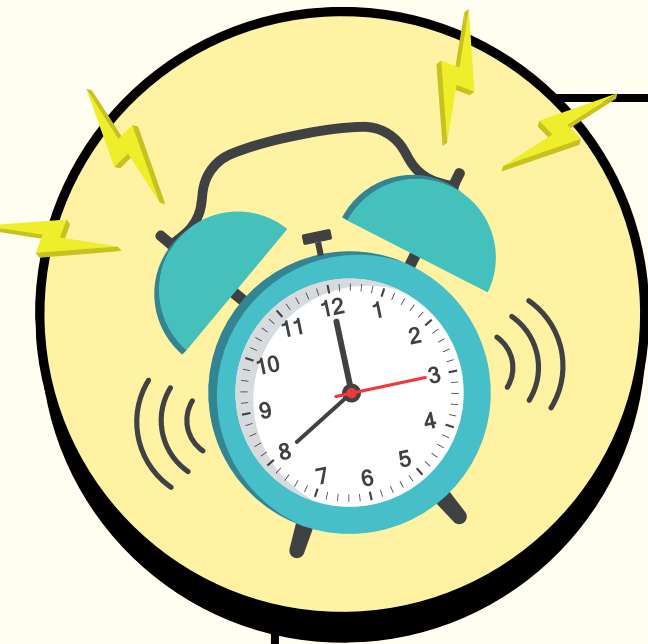
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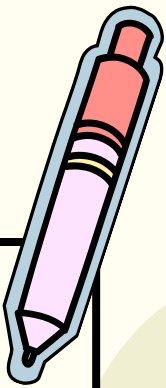
2A – Mrs Seed (Mon, Tues) and Mrs Le May (Wed, Thur, Fri)
2B – Mrs O'Connor
Support Staff – Mrs Mallinder, Miss Kitts & Miss Wisbey

Attendance and Punctuality

- Attendance and achievement go hand in hand
- Poor attendance can result in under achievement, difficulty in making or keeping friends, and loss of a child's confidence. The government target for attendance is 96% which equates to 7 days off over the year.
- Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day at 8:40 a.m.
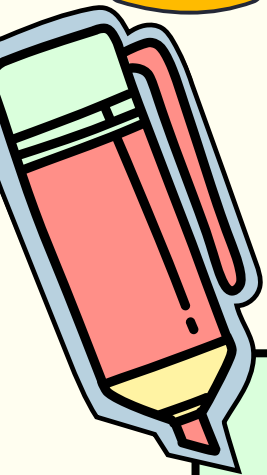
Reading Books

- Daily reading with your child is essential and will benefit their development in all areas. Each time you read with your child, please enter your initials or make a small comment in their reading diary.
- Books will be changed when they are finished. Children are expected to place their finished books with their diary in a tray for changing. Books will only be changed if the diary has been signed by an adult.

Spelling

- Spellings are given to children weekly on Fridays.
- Spellings are practised throughout the week but not necessarily under 'test' conditions.
- Here are some strategies for learning spellings:
    - Look, Say, Cover, Write
    - Identify spelling patterns
    - Practise daily – little but often!

Homework

- Reading (daily)
- Spellings (weekly)
- Phonics (weekly)
- Doodle Maths (weekly)
- Times Table Rock Stars
- Half termly topic homework projects

Homework is given out on Fridays and collected in by the following Wednesday

Behaviour Expectations

- The school has just 4 main rules:
  - **Be kind**
  - **Be respectful**
  - **Be hard working**
  - **Be safe**
- The children will also work with the class teacher to create a set of class rules and class expectations when they come back in September.
- The school's Core Values are at the heart of the children's learning:
  Respect, Empathy, Aspiration, Confidence and Honesty.

Behaviour Chart

- The children will start on green every week and have the opportunity to move through Bronze, Silver and Gold which will earn them house points for their team.
- Children who achieve Gold will receive a certificate from their class teacher. After reaching Gold 5 times they will receive an Achievers Badge from the Head Teacher in our celebration assembly.
- There is also a Yellow and a Red area on the chart for the rare occasions when children need to reflect on their behaviour.
- As well as the main class behaviour chart, the children may also be rewarded or be given targets more personal to their individual needs.

PE

- PE is every Wednesday.
- Children must come in to school wearing their PE kit on the day they have PE.
  - Gold polo shirt
  - Plain black shorts or joggers
  - Plimsolls or plain black trainers
  - School PE sweatshirt

Uniform

- Please ensure that ALL uniform is labelled.
- It is the child's own responsibility to look after their clothes. PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING!
- Having 30 identical unnamed jumpers is every teacher's worst nightmare!!
- Please make sure that no earrings are worn and that hair below the shoulders is tied back with an appropriate hair tie.

Water bottle

- Please send your child in with a named transparent water bottle. These MUST be clear and contain only plain water.
- Classes do have plastic cups but we would prefer the children to have their own water bottle as this is more hygenic.
- There are water stations in the playgrounds where children can refill their bottles with drinking water if they need to.

- Please send a letter in if your child is going to be collected by another adult. We will not allow a child to go home with another adult if we do not know about it.
- Please do not allow the children to bring in toys or pencil cases/stationery from home. All will be provided in class.
- Please do not allow the children to play on the large play equipment before and after school. We are not covered by insurance if there is an accident as they are not being supervised by a member of staff.

- If you have any issues or questions please feel free to email the class teacher on the following addresses:
- year2@harrowlodgeprimary.com
- A member of staff will respond to your email within 48 hours.

We hope that you will enjoy working alongside the Year 2 team and that your involvemnet will be a happy experience!