



Kea Community Primary School

14 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday, and welcome to Year 2!

The main difference between Year 1 and Year 2 is that in Year 2 children start to move away from the small group phonic sessions which were a feature throughout Foundation and Year 1. They will progress towards whole class literacy teaching, which builds upon the fundamental reading skills taught earlier in school. These lessons will encourage your child to develop their reading comprehension and sustained, independent writing skills further. Learning will become more structured as the year progresses, but we will continue to provide opportunities for children to independently explore and develop their interests across the curriculum.

For this half term, our topic is *Clothes* and how clothes have changed over time. The children are already showing much enthusiasm for the topic. We are going to be reading some exciting books relating to our clothes topic such as: *The Best Dress Ever*, *Where's My Jumper?*, *Pete's Magic Pants* and *Old Hat*. To celebrate this topic, we are going to be going on a trip to the Victorian Village at Flambards! Please check in regularly with the website to keep updated with our fantastic work.

Reading is such an important aspect of children's learning. In Year 2, the children can earn different Superhero Bookmarks to celebrate each of their 25 reads. Keep reading to get the whole Superhero Bookmark collection!

We are fortunate to enjoy a splendid outdoor learning environment at Kea, so your child should have a coat in school every day so that we can go outside in all weather. If you are able to leave a pair of wellies at school (with your child's name on the outside in paint or Tippex) this would be helpful.

PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children may wear PE kit for the whole day on their PE days. They may wear their green school jumper, or red PE hoodie for PE. Alternatively, children are welcome to wear a plain red (no logos please) sweatshirt or hoodie. On colder days children may choose to wear joggers in green, black or dark grey instead of their black PE shorts.

Here are some useful reminders:

- Wednesday – PE Day and homework due.
- Friday – PE day and homework is set.
- Children will need to bring a water bottle, snack, reading book and reading record every day. Daily snacks should be a piece of fruit/veg (e.g. an apple or carrot batons) a plain biscuit (e.g. rich tea or cracker) or a piece of



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unprocessed cheese. Children are allowed to bring a treat such as a bag of crisps or a sweet biscuit each Friday.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything worrying or concerning you which you would like to discuss. It is a privilege to teach your child and I look forward to seeing their progress over the academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Abigail Reeve
Year 2 Class Teacher