



Kea Community Primary School

Friday 11 September 2020

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 *Cornish Myths and Legends*. We will be learning about famous Cornish Myths and Legends such as Cornish Giants, The Mousehole Cat, The Legend of King Arthur and the Mermaid of Zennor. The children are already showing much enthusiasm for the topic! Please check in regularly with the website to keep updated with our fantastic work! Please see the Autumn Term 1 Overview which will give information about what we will be learning in each subject this half term.

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 Tuesdays and Fridays. Your child will need a pair of trainers/plimsolls in school on those days. We would also like the children to have a *named* water bottle (sports bottle top if possible) in school at all times as we find it beneficial to the children's concentration skills if they keep their water bottles on their tables most of the time and can drink regularly.

Here are some useful reminders:

- Tuesday – Children will need a pair of suitable shoes for PE. We will not be changing clothes, but children will change their shoes before and after the lesson. We recommend that girls wear black/grey joggers, trousers or leggings on PE days. PE shoes can be kept in school.
- Wednesday – homework due.



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- 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 (eg an apple or carrot batons) a plain biscuit (eg rich tea or cracker) or a piece of 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