



# Witton-le-Wear Primary School

## Welcome to Class Two

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer. All of the children had a fantastic first week back and seemed to settle well back into the school routines. I'm very lucky this year as I already know some of the class very well, but for the new starters I am Mrs Redfern and I will be your child's teacher this academic year. In Class Two we have lots of help from Mrs Cooper and Mrs Smith. I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Class Two has to offer this year!

### Transition from Class One to Class Two

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from their last class. The curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Class One. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions.

### Homework...

Homework will be given out in Week 3 (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September.) Homework in Class Two is given out weekly. It will include range of tasks linked with the curriculum. Due to the impacts of COVID 19 we will be continuing to use Seesaw to send out homework each week. Seesaw is an online learning journal system similar to Tapestry. Homework is given out each Thursday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Redfern – [r.redfern@wittonlewear.net](mailto:r.redfern@wittonlewear.net). Don't forget that we are able to access Lexia at home too. Login information for all of the learning platforms will be emailed to you over the following weeks. On a Thursday, at WASCLS we will have computers set up as a homework session for children who have difficulty accessing the internet at home.

### Reading in Class Two...

We are very excited to be starting a new phonics scheme this year called Read Write Inc. Over the first few weeks in class two not all children will be given reading books as they need to settle into the new phonics approach. We will be sending out more information about Read Write Inc shortly. If your child is in Year Two, they may be continuing to use the Accelerated Reader program. Children are asked to read at home for 20 minutes each day and will then quiz on their books in school. Books will be changed every Monday and Thursday so please make sure that reading books are brought in every Monday and Thursday even if they haven't been read.

### P.E.

Timetabled P.E. sessions will be on **Tuesday and Friday**. Children will need to come to school on these days in their PE kits as we will not be able to change in school. Please ensure that all items of clothing are **clearly labelled** with your child's name. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home independently to help them get changed quickly in school!

#### **PE kits consist of:**

- a plain white t-shirt,
  - red shorts (can be worn under tracksuit bottoms if required)
  - Plain black, blue or grey track suit bottoms
  - Red sweatshirt for outdoor sessions
  - Trainers that the children can fasten themselves!
  - Warm rainproof coat
- Long hair must be tied up and earrings must not be worn.

### General Reminders:

- **Please can you provide a spare set of clothes (including underwear and socks) for your child to keep in their trays in case of accidents.**
- **School bags** – As we are short on storage space in class two children do not need to bring in a school bag, a book bag will be provided for reading books.
- **Birthdays** – If you would like to bring cake into school for your child's birthday, please continue to bring shop-bought cupcakes. We also have several children with nut allergies so please check labels carefully. Thank you.
- **Show and Tell** will be held every Friday. A letter will follow with the schedule for show and tell for this term.
- Please can **all** school uniform, coats and water bottles be clearly labelled with your child's name, this makes it much easier to return missing items!
- **Conkers** – We have nut allergies in school so please do not bring conkers into school.

### Illness

We would like to remind parents of our school policy (in line with NHS Guidance) when children have vomited or had diarrhoea – parents keep children at home for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped, to prevent the super quick spread of germs such as these.

### COVID 19

If your child is displaying **ANY** symptoms, we ask for you to keep them at home and book a PCR test. Please inform school each day if your child is going to be absent for any illness.