



Fern Class News

Autumn Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Fern Class! I hope you all enjoyed your summer break and that you're ready for a wonderful time in Year 2! I'm really excited to be working with you this year and I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all. As always, we have great learning opportunities planned for the children and we have lots of exciting topics which we know the children will love! The children have all come back to school full of enthusiasm and they have settled in brilliantly. I am hoping to see as many of you as possible at our class coffee morning **on Friday 15th September at 9.00**, where I will be giving you lots of information and insight about what happens in Fern Class.

What to bring to Fern Class:

Children should bring in their book bags containing their Reading Records and reading books into school every day. Children also need to bring in a named water bottle every day. They will keep these in the classroom and will bring them home at the end of the day.

PE Times and Kits:

We will be doing PE on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school with them every day. The children will keep their kits on pegs in the cloakroom until the end of each half term.

Reading:

Children take part in a reading lesson with us each week. In addition to this, if your child is at the early stages of reading then they will practise reading individually with a Teaching Assistant or volunteer as often as possible.

As mentioned above, please send your child's book bag, containing their reading books and Reading Records, into school with them **each day**. This is so that children can change their reading books as regularly as possible and we will be having daily reading sessions where we will monitor reading progress and children can practise reading.



Changing Reading Books:

In Fern Class, children can change their reading books when they have finished them. Please continue to sign Reading Records when you have heard your child read. We have some new Reading Records for Year 2 which we hope you will find helpful and informative. In the centre of the records, you will find some tips to help with reading; some support with phonics and also the common exception and high frequency words that children need to know.



Homework:

Homework will continue to be set on a **Thursday** and we usually ask that it is completed by the following **Monday**. We will be using homework books this year and we will be encouraging children to remember to hand in their books on the correct day. Please remind children to hand in their work if you see that it is still in their bags and we will do the same.



In Fern Class this year, I will be teaching the children the majority of the time. Mrs Mingoia will be in class on a Tuesday afternoon. We are very lucky to have Mrs Jennings supporting in Fern Class this year.

Reading Volunteers:

If anyone is interested in hearing children read on a one to one basis, then please come and see one of us. We are always looking for as many parents or carers (or grandparents!) as possible to come into school to help support children's reading. Thank you!

Library Books:

Our children will choose a book from the library each week. They will keep these in their drawers at school and they can bring them home to share with you too. Children will change their books weekly and we will be encouraging children to read these for pleasure alongside their school reading books.

Thank you
Miss Bommel