



Year 3 and Year 4 Welcome Meeting



Hello and welcome to Class 2! This year we will have in class...

- **Teachers** – Mrs Reed (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
Mrs Gray (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).
- **Teaching Assistant** – Mrs Cave (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday am, Thursday am and Friday).



Before we start...

Let us just say we know the end of last school year was a peculiar time and didn't leave much time for transitioning into new year groups and classrooms.

HOWEVER...

On the first day of school we made a pact in Class 2. Nothing is going to stop us from developing our skills, gaining new knowledge and having lots of FUN! The children are keen and eager to get straight back to it and their energy and excitement to learn is a joy to see.

We are aware that some children will need more support to transition into their new year groups and overcome any hurdles that may occur from being away from school for such a long period of time. But please know we are here to support your child on the next part of their school journey.

Class 2 Promises

Class 2's Promises

We had a discussion in class and we decided these were the promises we would like to make and work on together:

- Be kind to each other
- Use indoor voices and not make loud noises
- Walk around calmly
- Be aware of people's own space
- Not interrupt others and Listen carefully
- Keep clean and safe
- Help others
- Ask to leave the classroom
- Ask for help – a problem shared is a problem halved
- Have a good go and know mistakes help us learn.
- Always try our best.
- Have fun!

LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER AND
BE A TEAM PLAYER.

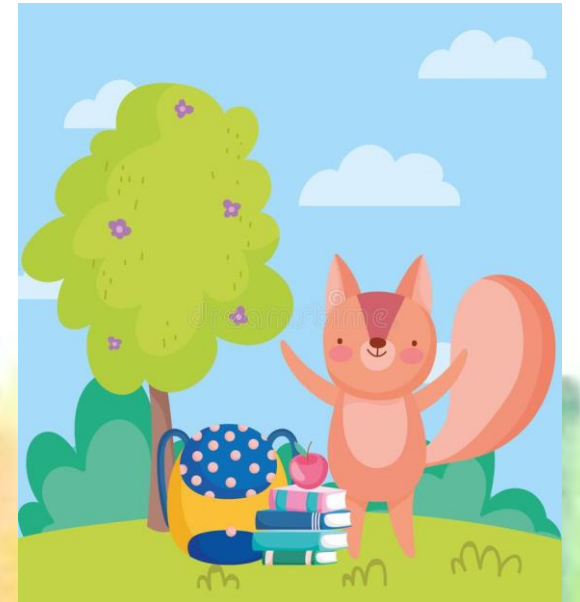
Respect, Truth, Kindness, Thankfulness, Forgiveness

On Day 1 the children and staff teamed up to pick promises we could make to create a classroom that was theirs, that they belong to and enjoy. As well as our Class Promises we have also reminded ourselves of the Christian Values we have here at Broomhaugh.

- Respect
- Truth
- Kindness
- Forgiveness
- Thankfulness

We also follow the Calm School Code

- SPEAK NICELY
- LISTEN CAREFULLY
- ACT KINDLY
- MOVE CALMLY



You may have heard from your child that Class 2 has had an explosion of colour in the classroom...



Rewards

We focus on promoting positive behaviour and want to recognise all of the fantastic things the children do. We also want to reward children for being enthusiastic, making the right choices, learning from mistakes and having a go at new things.

Daily:

- Ray of Sunshine Reward



When a child has earned a 'Ray of Sunshine Reward', they choose a number and put their name on the back of their ticket. When the numbers have filled up, a random number will be picked and a secret prize will be won!



Team Points

Due to current circumstances the classroom may look a little different. However, we have decided to turn this into a fun way to encourage being a team player and to work together in their groups to earn points.

We have Red, Yellow and Blue groups. The first group to earn 30 coloured cubes in their jar will earn privilege time.



Being Proud of Our Work

In Class 2 we have created spaces for work to be showcased in the classroom. It is important for children to see their work displayed and to know they should be proud of what they have created.



Our Topic...

- The first half term we shall be exploring Ancient Greece.



- The second half term we shall be looking at The Water Cycle





Reading

We love to read and promoting a love of reading is at the heart of our school, it underpins so many areas of learning and helps all children to access and develop so many other skills. We work closely with all of our families to ensure this continues at home. We want all of our children to engage and experience a wide range of texts including fiction, non fiction, newspapers, magazines, e-books etc.

- Reading diaries and their reading book (**even if your child is now reading books from home**) need to be brought into class on a **Monday**. Reading diaries will be checked and sent back home by **Wednesday**.
- The children will take part in Guided Reading once a week.
- Children enjoy listening to a story together each day. We are currently reading; ***Atticus The Storyteller's 100 Greek Myths***.
- Please support your child to read every night. Whilst many children are confident readers already, reading aloud is an important skill to practise. Sharing books and stories, discussing characters, plots and facts are all important parts of developing a good understanding of reading as well as the technical skills, not to mention sharing books together is a lovely thing to do. Don't forget to read to your child too, this helps to model expression and listening to others reading is also a really fun and useful things to do.
- Reading **should** be recorded **daily** in the reading diaries at home.
- Children will get a new book every **Monday** unless they are still reading their book (larger chapter books are fine to read over a longer period of time). However, **please still bring them in on Mondays** even if they don't need changing.

(Books are quarantined for one week before being returned to the shelves).

PE

- Our P.E. sessions are on a Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon.
- Please make sure children have a labelled PE kit, including their PE shoes (trainers). They need shorts, a t-shirt, a jumper/hoody, joggers and spare socks. **This kit should stay in school.**
- No jewellery to be worn.
- Hair needs to be tied up.
- Tracksuit bottoms / leggings for outside PE. As much of our P.E. as possible is outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and has the correct kit at all times.
- We are hoping for swimming to commence next half term.
Details will follow.






Medicinal information

- Medical forms – updated if necessary (asthma, allergies etc).
- Please fill in a medical form if your child needs regular medication or if it is a one off occurrence.
- Medical forms are available at the office.

Home Time Pick Up

Any changes to normal pick up arrangement please contact the school via E-mail or phone prior to home time.



Multiplication Tables

Each child in both Year 3 and 4 has a log in for Times Tables Rockstars (available online or as an iPad/mobile app). This is an excellent way for the class to develop their confidence and abilities in times tables, which will also help their progress in Maths.

The more the children practise, the faster their recall. This will support so many other areas of maths so please encourage and support your child to access this frequently as well as practising in other ways (pencil and paper, games, chanting, songs etc)

There will be a Times Tables Quiz every Friday (this will not start till the week beginning 21st September). More details will follow.

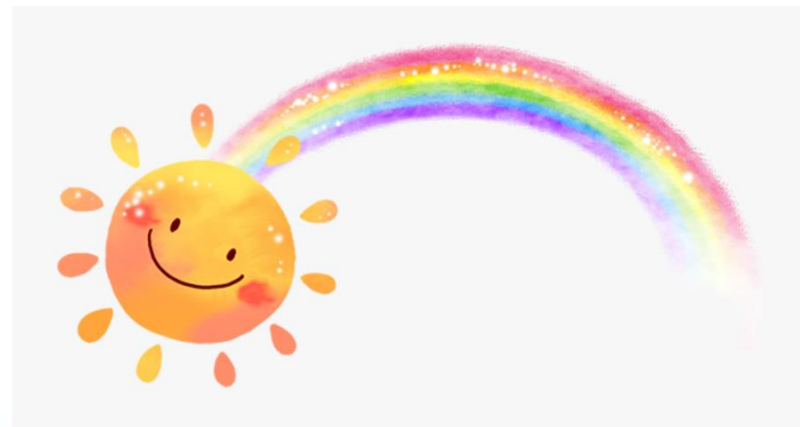
In June 2021, Year 4 children will take the Multiplication Tables Check. This is undertaken on an iPad, with the children having 6 seconds to answer each question and 3 seconds in between each question. There will be 25 questions in total taken from a range of tables up to 12×12 .



Rise and Shine – Morning Activities

Rise and Shine!

We also start each day in class 2 with a variety of skills based activities which includes: times table practice, spelling, guided reading and journal writing.




Spellings

- This year we are swapping spelling tests for a team quiz. We believe this will still encourage children to want to practise their spellings and they will have fun doing so.
- Spellings will be given out each Monday.
- Completed spelling sheets should be returned the following Monday morning ready for our spelling quiz.
- Remember spelling practice does not mean just filling in the sheet. Please feel free to explore lots of engaging ways for your child to practise spellings such as mirror writing, chalking outside, on whiteboards etc.





How you can help.....

- Read with your children daily. Explore a variety of styles of texts: fiction, non fiction, poetry etc.
 - Ask questions about the book they are reading and encourage them to read with expression.
 - Continue to practise times tables.
 - Practice of weekly spellings.
 - Writing longer passages, concentrating on handwriting and grammatical accuracy.
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School Website

The school website is a great place to find out about:

- Diary dates
 - Year 3&4 class page including Curriculum Overview
 - Timetable
 - Photos
 - Newsletters
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Additional information

- PE bags are to remain in school.
 - Only bring in book bags on a **Monday**.
 - Named school uniform; including shoes and wellies.
 - Remember wellies to go on the grass in all weather.
 - Coats for all weather.
 - Named water bottles and a piece of fruit for morning snack.
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Year 3

We know some of the children have had a long time away from school and for the Year 3s it may have been daunting starting a new classroom with new staff members and peers. We have to say they have settled in brilliantly and we are here to help with any transitioning to their new school year both socially, emotionally and academically.

Even in the current circumstances, we want you to know you can approach us with any queries with regards to your child and their new classroom. If you have any questions then please E-mail the school admin where messages will be passed on and a member from Class 2 will contact you.

We are excited to support Year 3 as they continue to grow and learn. We look forward and feel proud to help them on their journey, this year and next.

Mrs Reed. Mrs Gray & Mrs Cave





Year 4

Now that our class have reached year 4, it is really important to us that we support them to develop and grow, particularly during this most unusual time. We also want to ensure we help them to prepare for their move to Middle School next September.

We don't just want to do this academically (although that is of course immensely important to us), but also emotionally and socially. This year is a fantastic opportunity for the class to develop lifelong friendships, self confidence and an ability to face new situations with boldness and excitement.

It is going to be an incredible year and we feel honoured to teach the Year 4 children for their final year at Broomhaugh First School before they embark on their next part of their journey.

Mrs Reed, Mrs Gray & Mrs Cave





Questions.....

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will be at the classroom door at home time at 3:15pm every day. However, to help with social distancing, please be aware you can call or E-mail admin@broomhaugh.Northumberland.sch.uk and one of us will respond as soon as possible.

Thanks for your continued support
Mrs Reed, Mrs Gray & Mrs Cave

