

Welcome to Sycamore Class!



I hope you have had a fantastic summer filled with fun! I am looking forward to welcoming you into Year 2.

In usual circumstances, we would have already met by now and you would have had a chance to have a few mornings in your new classroom with me as your new teacher to see what being Year 2 will be like! We have not had the chance for that this year but I do not want you to worry about this, as Year 2 will be full of fun, learning and excitement! I am really looking forward to meeting you all and start our Year 2 adventure together in September.

Please arrive at the **Village Hall** at **8:45am**. I will collect the children from there and we will walk to the classroom together. The children are to be collected from the **Village Hall** to go home at **3:00pm**.

Transition from Year 1 to Year 2

My aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Year 1 curriculum to Year 2. I will aim for the children to build upon and extend the experiences that they have had in Year 1. I know we haven't had an opportunity to complete the usual transition activities, which happen in July, however we will be spending the first 3 days getting to know each other and completing transition activities.

We will have some areas of provision around the classroom with a focus on handwriting, basic Maths skills and Phonics. This type of learning will complement the more formal style, which is expected in Year 2. Due to current circumstances, we will continue to focus on Phonics, continued on from Year 1. These lessons will include a wide range of fun Phonics games and activities suitable for all children in the class.

Your child will have daily Maths and English lessons in school. Additional Maths and English support may be provided if your child needs this in certain areas. I will be teaching the Year 2 curriculum, however, there may be gaps to fill from Year 1 with missing knowledge from when school was closed. I will take this into account when planning and preparing lessons.

Reading book band levels might not change straight away as children have had time out of school and we need to ensure we assess correctly before this happens.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or queries.

My email address is b.craven300@aycliffevillage.durham.sch.uk

General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on the day and that all items are clearly labelled with their names.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and hand things in.
- Your child should only bring a coat, book bag and water bottle to school each day. Water bottles are kept in class and children can access them throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle. They will be sent home daily for cleaning.