

Dear Year 2 parents/carers,

A warm welcome back and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are excited to start this new academic year and hope you and your child enjoys the year ahead with us at Darlinghurst Academy.

Our year group leader in year 2 is Miss Wise. Our Teaching staff are Miss Wise, Miss Lynch, Miss Carey and Mrs Scott. Our support staff are Miss Krise, Mrs Moore and Mrs Farrer. We would like to welcome new children to the year group: Riley in Oyster class and Jonathon in Shrimp Class.

We start the year off with our topic 'Can a Party be Healthy?' A topic linked to 'Alice in Wonderland and the infamous Mad Hatters tea party', whilst learning all about healthy lifestyles within our connected curriculum. One of the highlights of this topic will be an opportunity to learn and understand the journey of 'Food from Farm to Fork'. With the help of our local community, we are hoping that one of our local superstores will be able to visit us here at Darlinghurst. This visit will further support and enrich the learning within our topic this term. Our curriculum overview, which outlines the coverage of this unit, can be found on the website using the following link <http://darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum>

As part of the broad and balanced curriculum, we will have daily maths, writing and reading/phonics lessons, including discrete sessions on mental maths, times tables, grammar, spelling and handwriting. Specialist sessions PE, Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning are built into our broad and balanced curriculum and we ensure that all of our children have access to specialist provision. PE days will be on Monday.

However, children should have their kit in school every day; this should consist of: black shorts, sky blue t-shirt (logo optional) and for the colder months a black tracksuit is an option. In addition please ensure all footwear for PE is appropriate and the correct size. **Please ensure that all items in the kit are clearly labelled. Earrings must not be worn on days when your child has P.E. Shoulder/long hair needs to be tied up for P.E. sessions.**

Children in Year 2 will continue their learning of Spanish and the children will have many opportunities to practice basic Spanish phrases on a regular basis – please ask them to share their new learning with you. You can follow our learning via News and Views, twitter and the website.

We recognise the importance of home learning and encourage all children to practise their times tables, spellings and reading at home frequently in order to develop and rehearse core skills. Homework will be set on a Thursday and is due in on or before the following Wednesday.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or year group leader via the office, email (misswise@darlinghurst.co.uk) or in person.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards
The Year 2 Team