

## Welcome to Year Two

We are very excited for the year ahead. Please find below important information about Year Two.

### Floppy's Phonics

We continue the Floppy's Phonics program in Year Two to consolidate the sounds that your child has already been taught in Reception and Year One to use when encoding.



### Book Bags and Water Bottles

In Year Two, the children will continue to keep their book bag in their trays. Please do not send in bulky rucksacks that do not fit in these trays or on pegs. Your child should have a water bottle in school every day. This bottle should contain water only. **NO** juice.

### High Frequency Words

Your child will be given the Year One and Two Common Exception words to practise both reading and writing at home.

### Invitation

Please join us for a *Meet the Teacher* session on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025** from 2.45pm. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions about Year Two, to share key dates and get to know your child's classroom and teachers.

### PAWS



At the beginning of every half term, all Castle Hill pupils from Year One to Year Six receive their PAWS folder. The expectation in Year Two is that one activity from each of the eight dogs is completed every term.

PAWS is linked to Packtypes. Emotional intelligence or EQ is important to us at Castle Hill. We use the Packtypes tool to help us develop the children's self-awareness and vocabulary.

In Year Two, we continue to identify and match our behaviours with the Packtype dogs and use our dojo points to make EQ part of our daily routine. See our school website for more information.

Once an activity is completed, the children can keep their PAWS evidence safely in their folders or upload their evidence on Seesaw (see below).

Please ensure the children have their PAWS folders EVERY MONDAY, this helps them practise the skill of meeting deadlines that they need in their further education.



### Seesaw

Year Two will be expected to upload PAWS homework evidence onto Seesaw. This will be checked on a Monday. We use Seesaw as part of our online safety training in Year Two and the children enjoy sharing their PAWS work with their peers. This develops communication skills and confidence.

### P.E

P.E is on a Tuesday so please make sure your child always has a full P.E. kit in school including trainers and joggers for outdoor activities, in particular during the colder weather. Please ensure that your entire child's uniform is clearly labelled (including P.E. kits) as items are easily mislaid without names.



### Reading

Reading is the key to accessing the rest of the curriculum and is vital to the children's future life chances.

As a school, we are grateful for the time and support you give hearing your child read daily to support them be the best that they can be.

Your child will receive a new Reading Diary and one reading book on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. These must be returned to school daily in your child's book bag. Reading books will be changed every Monday but please make sure that the Reading Diary and books are in book bags EVERY DAY.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at Parents' Evening but if you have any concerns or queries, the best time to talk to us is after school when we can make an appointment if necessary. Thank you for your continued support.