

Welcome to Class 2EE



Dear Parents/Guardians,

WELCOME - A very warm welcome to you and your children as part of Class 2EE. We are very glad to have met your children this week and are much looking forward to the year ahead.

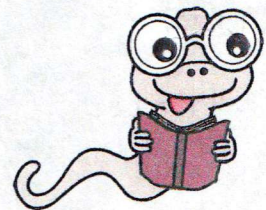
YEAR 2 - We are thrilled to be teaching in year 2. The year is an exciting one, as we see the children build on their newly acquired skills of reading, writing and counting with more confidence. As the year progresses the children are able to discover the joy of reading independently, writing their own ideas and stories and investigating numbers and discoveries that interest them. It is magical to see this emerging confidence and usually a very exciting and motivating time for children in their learning. We will look forward to giving you more details at the end of this month at the Parents/Guardians Welcome Evening.



HOMEWORK - We will not be giving the children homework for the first few weeks as we will assess their levels of learning prior to providing differentiated work. Later, homework will be given out in both languages on a Wednesday, with a full week to complete.

READING - We will be sending home books to read. Please do read a little with your child every night. This repeated practice makes a huge difference to fluency and speed at this early stage in reading. The warmth of sharing a book together happily will stay with the children and help them associate reading with good times.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME - please email if you are interested in volunteering either as: our **Class 2EE Rep** - an invaluable liaison parent/guardian who helps coordinate and communicate to others. Or as a **Reading Supporter** - those who can spare an hour, once a week, to listen to children read would be very welcome.

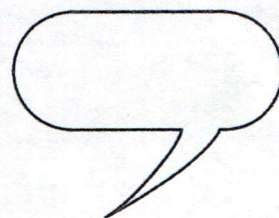


BIRTHDAYS! - Yes please to cakes, but NO NUTS. We love to celebrate birthdays in class. Please be aware, if you choose to bring cakes to share, there are children in this year with **SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES**.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER TO BRING ...

1. **INDOOR SHOES** - ideally velcro fasten canvas non-slip shoes for in the classroom. They should be non-slip so if we need to head into the playground for a fire drill your child will be safe on the stairs.
2. **PE KIT** - jogging bottoms, sweatshirt, t-shirt, shorts and trainers, all named in a drawstring bag to hang on peg.
3. **COAT** - we'll have fun outside rain or shine, so please ensure appropriate waterproof or warm, named coat every day.
4. **GAME** - a named game to share for the wet play/golden time box (will be returned to you at the end of year). No other toys please, as this is school policy; we find it helps the children learn together more happily.
5. **SNACK** - we provide fruit at snack time, but if your child needs a more substantial snack, please feel free to send one in (no nuts).

COMMUNICATION - For brief queries please do talk to us in person or email j.ruiz@europaschool.uk or l.cook@europaschool.uk. For more detailed discussions, please book an appointment so we can make time. We will be focusing on your children during the school day, if your message is urgent, please communicate with reception as we may not see an email.



We will look forward to meeting you soon at the Parents/Guardians Welcome Evening. And we will, in the meantime, enjoy our days with your wonderful, energy filled, learning children.

All the best,

Jose Ruiz (Spanish) and Liz Cook (English)