



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2016~ TERMS 1 AND 2

Welcome to Year 2. It is going to be a fantastic year, full of creativity and inspiring learning opportunities.

2A—Miss Bowman and Mrs West

2B—Mr Bridgwood and Mrs Flenley

2W—Mr Williams and Mrs Edwards

Mrs Gregson will also be supporting in year 2 this year.

Please note: On Wednesdays, Miss Bowman's class will be covered by Mrs Parkins.

Every other Wednesday, Mr Williams' class will be covered by Mrs Catchpole and Mr Bridgwood's by Mrs Smith

School Routines and Equipment

Please ensure your child brings their book bag, a coat and a water bottle to school each day.

Monday- 2W PE

Tuesday- 2A and 2B PE

Friday- All Y2 PE. Merit Mark Assembly at 2.45pm. Homework set and collected in.

PE Kit: all PE kit needs to be labelled in a clearly named bag. Please leave in school until half term.

Link Books

Please use the Home to School Link Book to let us know anything you feel we should know about your child. Year 2 TAs will check these regularly so that we are aware of any events, concerns or achievements that may have an impact on your child at school. Please don't feel obliged to write in this book, it is an extra channel of communication, if it works for you. If there is anything very serious or confidential that you want to tell us, please speak directly to the class teacher. This book is not intended to replace face-to-face communication. The teachers are always around before and after school for a quick chat or we can arrange an appointment if you need longer.

Key Dates

Friday 16th September: First homework given out. Please return the following Friday.

Wednesday 21st September: Year 2 Curriculum Evening at 5.30pm

Friday 23rd September: Please could your child bring trainers for the inter-house cross country event that day.

Tuesday 11th October: Literature Festival Trip

Home Learning

Reading

Reading is so essential for all aspects of school life and is the main focus this year. We want to foster a love of reading and an enjoyment of books. Please read to your child as well as listening to them. Reading books are changed 3 times a week (on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) as long as the book has been finished and it has been recorded in the yellow reading diary. Each child will be given 2 new books once these have been read. You may want to supplement this with home reading for enjoyment, which we would love to see recorded as well. Please encourage your child's comprehension by asking them questions on what they have read.

Spellings

Spelling homework will be give out on Friday and is based on a combination of the spelling patterns targeted in letters and sounds that week and common exception words. You will already have received a set of specific common exception words that your child is currently unsure of. These are vital for your child's reading and writing. Each week there will be 12 words to learn and we would like the children to practise writing each word at least five times in their yellow spelling book. For a challenge they might want to use the spelling in a sentence. We will give the children an informal test the following Friday.

English

Each week, children will receive a piece of homework linked to the work covered in class that week. These will vary in style and count include working on the children's handwriting, in order to develop their cursive script. This will be given out on a Friday and will be expected the following Friday.

Maths

Each week, children will receive a piece of maths homework linked to the work covered in class that week. This will be given out on a Friday and will be expected the following Friday.

Parent or Grandparent Helpers!

We are always looking for parents who can offer some time to help in class by listening to children read, helping with their artwork or even putting up displays. Please come into class and speak to your child's teacher.