

Year 2 Newsletter

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P.E.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday. Children should wear their P.E. kit to school on these days..

Outdoor P.E. will take place on Tuesday, so children will require warmer clothing once it gets colder. Long hair should be tied up and earrings taped or removed.

Children are encouraged to bring in a **named** water bottle every day.

Welcome back! We hope you find the first year 2 newsletter informative about the coming term. We are very excited to be teaching your children this year and we hope they are excited to start year 2!

A quick reminder that school begins at 8:45. Children are responsible for bringing their own belongings into the classroom. The cloakroom is now located in the corner of the classroom.

Snack

Children are provided with a fruit/vegetable snack daily so **do not** need to bring in a snack from home. Milk can be ordered through the office.

Reading

Children are encouraged to read **5 times a week** as part of our school reading challenge. Scores are recorded every Monday. These 5 reads do not have to be just the school reading books but anything the children like reading! Just make sure it is recorded in their reading record.

Within school we will aim to read with your child each term. Guided reading sessions will also take place daily but this will focus more on the children's comprehension skills. Home reading books will be changed once a week, hopefully on a Monday. If any parents would like to volunteer to change books/read with children please come and see your child's class teacher.

Class Assembly

Our class assembly on Tuesday mornings will be partly taken by the children and used to broaden their horizons concerning the news. One child will be asked to find an interesting news story to tell the class about. This could be sourced from the children's news programme Newsround to ensure the content is suitable i.e. no violence. I will provide a letter with further details when it is your child's turn.

Our Learning

Theme: Our Theme this term is science based and entitled "What a Wonderful World". We are learning about animals and the environment. We will learn what all living things need ('Mrs. Gren') and some similarities and differences between plants and animals. We will be looking at different habitats and building bug houses.

PE: We will be focussing on safety, co-ordination and balance.

DT/Art: We will study the work of Andy Goldsworthy, culminating in producing our own pieces of art based on his style.

Jigsaw: Being Me In My World - we will be thinking about starting a new school year and making a learning charter which we will all sign.

RE: We will be looking at stories from the Bible.

Computing: The children will be learning about data, linking this to our theme.

Music: We will practise singing in a variety of ways and use instruments to help with composing.

Spelling: We will learn a different spelling rule each week and have opportunities to practise this during lessons. Spelling lists will also come home each week, and we will have a short "test" each Friday.

English: This term we will be studying the book Owl Babies. The children will write 3 pieces of writing based on this book: a letter, an information report and a short story. We will continue to build on the grammar, spelling and punctuation skills taught during discreet spelling and grammar sessions.

Maths: We will consolidate and extend knowledge of known number facts; partition numbers to add and subtract; solve problems that involve numbers, money or measures, including time. We will also be practising quick recall of addition facts to 10, 20 and 100.

Theme homework is given out termly and will be project based.

Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions or talk to us about any concerns at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you can write a letter or speak to the office who will pass on your message as mornings can be a very busy time for us. Feel free to make an appointment if you would like a longer discussion.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure a fantastic year!