



Class 2 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 2 and Cedar class,

We hope you have had a good Summer and made the most of the much-needed break! Your child has now reached the top of the Infants and has already got off to a fantastic start on the exciting year ahead of them.

Curriculum

This half term our topic will be 'Where in the World?', and we will be learning about the different continents and oceans. This will be alongside the usual curriculum for Maths and English. We will be reading *On the Way Home* by Jill Murphy and *The Enormous Crocodile* by Roald Dahl.

In Maths we will be particularly focusing on the place value of 2-digit numbers and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10, ready to relate these to times tables and division. In Science we will be exploring materials. We are also continuing an additional programme in Maths to help improve fluency, which we will carry out in the afternoon.

PSHE - Friendships

Art - Aboriginal dot art

Music - Music from all over the world.

R.E - Harvest. Who should you follow?

Computing - Using the Internet

Book Bags

These must come to school every day. Please ensure that you check your child's book bag regularly for correspondence. Please no rucksacks or large bags.

Reading

Assessments will take place in the first 2 weeks and then your child will be given a reading book.

In Class 2, children are responsible for their own reading books. Children should hand their books in on Wednesday (via the yellow box under the interactive whiteboard), along with their green reading sheet. These will be provided in a plastic folder.

Please try to read with your child as much as possible (at least three times a week) and write comments in their books. This helps us to get a better picture of your child as a reader and understand how they are progressing at home. It is important that you discuss what the children have read and ask them questions to develop comprehension skills. Over the course of the year, we will gradually begin to encourage children to record when they have read their school reading books independently in their yellow book as well.

Homework

Your child will be provided with an exercise book this year with a selection of optional activities to complete at home. There will be a range of activities to choose from which link to the curriculum each half term. Any completed tasks will be shared in the classroom. Books will be given out on Fridays and can be returned the following week.

Spellings

The focus this half term will be to consolidate the sounds studied in year one and to recap on phase 5 of the phonics programme. Spellings will be sent home in the homework books. Please practise writing the words at home.

Please play games with the words, such as hangman, and help make phonics fun. The children will be assessed on how they spell the words in their writing.

Library

Our library day is Monday and children must bring in their books every week. They will be able to renew them if they have not finished reading them yet.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child is equipped with the correct kit for every PE lesson, including a warm layer for colder weather. Please ensure all clothes are named.

Water Bottles - Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them daily.

Independence

We are encouraging independence and we would like you to encourage your child to organise their own belongings in the cloakroom and leave your child promptly and we will greet them.

Support at home

Reading and practising spellings.

Counting forwards and backwards in different number intervals.

A great website to help support learning is <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> where you will find a range of fun games.

We look forward to a busy first half term. If you have any queries, please feel free to get in touch!

Best wishes,

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