

Class 2 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class Two!

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 an exciting year ahead of them.

Curriculum

This half term our topic will be 'Where in the World?' A topic web for this is attached to this newsletter. This will be alongside the usual curriculum for Maths and English. In Maths we will be particularly focusing on counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10, ready to relate these to times tables and division.

Book Bags

These must come to school every day. Please ensure that you check your child's book bag regularly for correspondence.

Reading

In Class 2, children are responsible for their own reading books. If your child needs to change their book, they must place it, along with their yellow home/school diary, in the yellow book changing tray by the Year 2 reading table. Mrs Burns will be changing reading books on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please note, due to reduced TAs on Wednesdays, books will not be changed on this day. Your child should come home with their first reading book on Friday 11th September after we have assessed where they are with their reading ability.

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. 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

We will be changing the way we set homework this year and will be trialling an online homework platform similar to Seesaw. Details for this will follow soon.

Spellings

Spellings will be tested on Fridays, and words to learn will then be given out for the next week after the test. The children will stick their spellings into their spelling logs to practise, and will then take their tests at the back of their spelling logs. Your child's first spellings will be given out on Friday 18th September.

Library

Our library is currently not accessible due to the current circumstances so we therefore will have a selection of library books in our classroom for the children to borrow alongside their reading book. Children will be given the opportunity to change their library books on a Monday so please ensure that they are in school with them at the beginning of each week.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child is equipped with the correct, named kit for every PE lesson, including a warm layer for colder weather. Please note that the children will change into these at school so they can remain in school until the end of each half term.

Year 1 Phonics Check

Your children missed the Year 1 phonics check due to the lockdown, and the government requires that they sit the check later this term. Over the next few weeks we will prepare them for this and will let you know when the checks take place. They will take about ten minutes per child and involve sitting with a teacher and reading a variety of real and nonsense words to check their knowledge of the sounds letters make.

SATs

As you are probably aware, Year 2 take part in the end of Key Stage testing. Year 2 sit their SATs tests in May, although there is no set time and day. There are four papers in total: a maths arithmetic paper, a maths reasoning paper, and two reading papers. Over the course of the year, we will be preparing your children to sit these papers and they will become quite used to doing tests or 'quizzes', which makes it a far less daunting prospect for them. We will be holding a SATs information evening for parents after Christmas, in order to give you more of an idea as to what is involved in these tests, and how you can support your child.

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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