

# 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. We will be changing reading books on Mondays and Thursdays.

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

Homework will be set on Fridays and be due in on Wednesdays. Your child will be provided with an exercise book and must put this in the homework box by Wednesday morning. Homework will be set in a three-week cycle of Maths activities, English activities and the learning logs. **If you look in the book and do not see a new homework sheet, then your child needs to refer back to the most recent learning log for that week.** Homework should take between 20 and 30 minutes - if your child is struggling, or cannot complete the task within this time, please write a note in their homework book or in their home/ school diary.

### Spellings

The focus for the first half term will be to consolidate phonics in preparation for the delayed Year 1 formal phonic assessment that will take place in Autumn 2. Words with the phonic pattern that the children are learning will be sent home for you to look at with your child. 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 Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child is equipped with the correct kit for every PE lesson, including a warm layer for colder weather.

### **SATs**

As you are probably aware, Year 2 means 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 later in the year 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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