



Autumn Term Newsletter

Class 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a relaxing and restful Summer break. We are very excited to be welcoming the children back to school again. Here's to a year of uninterrupted teaching 🍷. We have an exciting term planned which will include learning about everyday materials in Science (taught by Mrs Wilkinson), making a fairground wheel in DT (later in the term - more to follow), computer programming, making comparisons with where we live and a location abroad and reading some lovely books in English linked to our Geography topic.

It was very unfortunate we were unable to have our moving up morning and appreciate children may feel quite unsettled about returning to school. The first few days in school will be all about settling back in and readjusting to the new classroom and teaching staff. Class 2 are lucky enough to have PE with Mr Tanner on their first day back (Thursday 2nd) so will need to come to school in their PE kit, which they will wear for the rest of the day. What a nice way to return to school 😊.

We will start the term with Miss Henshaw, our fantastic art specialist teacher who will focus on drawing skills. Whilst we have some art overalls, they are quite grotty despite being washed, and the children don't like wearing them. Please could your child bring in an apron that they can store in their locker ready for weekly art lessons. Alternatively, an old adult T-shirt or shirt provides excellent protection.

Please can we ask that all school uniform, including coats are clearly labelled, we understand that this can be time consuming, but it makes returning lost items much quicker for everyone. A good place for labels is www.mynametags.com. I love these labels as there is no sewing involved and the labels really do stay put. I am not earning commission I promise!

Home learning

Your support at home makes a huge difference and is always greatly appreciated.

Reading - Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child at home. It makes a huge difference to children's ideas and imagination and also helps spelling. Even if your child is a free reader, hearing them read, helping with unfamiliar vocabulary and discussing the story and characters is really beneficial. Please record daily reading in your child's reading record. Mrs Marsh keeps a record and gives rewards to children to help keep them motivated! Message from Mrs Marsh: please can 'New book please' be recorded in your child's reading record when a book change is needed. This helps avoid messages being missed - thank you'

Spelling for Class 2 - Your child will receive a login for **Spelling Frame**, this is an online resource we use to support our teaching of spelling. It will give you access to all the Year 1 and Year 2 rules and helps to make learning spellings much more fun. Spellings will be set weekly on Spelling Frame to learn and there will be a weekly spelling test to complete on the website.

Maths: Once the children are settled in, we will complete a weekly times tables test called **Cracking Times Tables**. I have attached a document with more information about this. It is amazing the progress children can make in a short amount of time with regular practice. We had children working towards Level 10 at the end of year 2!!!

Showbie: Our online learning platform for Year 2 is Showbie. This is used in Y2 and KS2 and is fantastic. It is very easy to use, and I will be sending an email with further details.

PE with Mr Tanner

Class 2: have a double slot PE slot on a **Thursday** Your child can come to school wearing their PE kit for the day.

PE kit needs to be labelled and, as it gets colder, should consist of lots of layers and suitable outdoor footwear. As Mrs Saville has mentioned in her newsletter it should be smart and consisting of navy shorts /joggers and the house colour t-shirt.

General Reminders

Drop off and collection arrangements:

For Classes 1 and 2, drop off is at the main gate at **8:45am** ready for the children to enter the classroom and begin learning at 8.50. Collection is at **3:15pm** from the playground.

Forest School:

Forest school clothes and wellies should be brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home with them. The dates are below:
First half term - Tuesday 21st September and Tuesday 12th October
Second half term - Tuesday 23rd November

Please can we ask that all children have a spare set of underwear and bottom half clothes in case of any accidents. These can be kept in their lockers.

Miss Redman & the Year 2 team