

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER
Autumn Term 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We are expecting a busy and enjoyable year. Here is a summary of what we will be doing in each curriculum area this term.

Literacy

We will be focusing on stories with familiar settings, information texts and patterns in poetry. We shall also continue our work on building up words for reading and spelling through sounding out, and will also be working on story writing. Another important focus will be grammar and punctuation.

Numeracy

We will be working with numbers to 100 and beyond. We shall continue with work on addition and subtraction, applying these skills to problem solving, and begin work on simple multiplication and fractions. We shall also be introducing standard units for length, capacity and weight.

Science, History and Geography

Our topic is 'Friends of the Earth.' Our work will include looking at plants and animals in the environment, their different habitats and characteristics, using maps and globes to identify different countries, and looking at weather. In November we will be learning about Remembrance Day.

Computing

We are concentrating on word processing skills and will be starting to use the internet for research. We will also be introducing simple coding activities.

RE

Our focuses this term will be 'Believing in God,' where we will be studying stories from different religions, and Celebrations.

PE

Our PE days are **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**.

The children will need navy blue shorts, a white t-shirt, a change of socks and trainers. They will also need a blue track suit for outside PE during the winter. Children will not be allowed to take part in PE activities if they do not have the appropriate clothing.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

Homework

We shall be continuing with the Brain Builder homework books. Each week we will send home 3 or 4 activities, based on work we have covered during the week. The children should record their work in any way they like but should be encouraged to use their own words rather than simply copying. Books should be returned by Thursday so that they can be marked and given back by Friday.

It would be very helpful if your child had some suitable stationery at home for completing their homework, such as a writing pencil, coloured pencils and a glue stick.

Surprise Spelling!

We are introducing a new way of learning spellings this term. To ensure that the children really remember the words they have learned, we shall be giving half-termly lists of up to 30 spellings, rather than a short list every week. The children will be tested randomly on these words each week but will be re-tested over the half term until they are secure with these words.

The children are not expected to learn all 30 words immediately, just a few words at a time. However, they will be expected to keep re-learning the words over the whole half term as they won't know which words will appear on the weekly tests!

Home/School Link Books

Each child is bringing home a red Home/School link book. This is for parents and teachers to communicate with each other. Please ensure that it is kept in your child's book bag and sent into school daily. Please read and sign the home/school agreement at the beginning of the book and also sign the information page at the end of each week.

Book Bags

The children will change their books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that their book bags are in school on each of these days so that the children can choose new books. Please comment in the Home/School link book on how your child has read or what page they have reached if reading a longer book. If your child does not have a book bag they can be purchased from the school office.

Uniform

The uniform is a grey skirt, tunic or trousers, a white polo shirt and a red jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt. The school sweatshirts can be bought from the school office. Shoes should be black and trainers should not be worn. If your child wears ear-rings, these should be studs.

Attendance and Punctuality

The children are allowed into the classrooms from 8.45 and should be in by 8.55 when the register is taken. It is very important that your child is on time as we start teaching at 9 o'clock.

Finally, if you have any further concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to come and chat to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

S. Lloyd and G. Wray

