



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy 2018! We hope you enjoyed the festive break. Thank you once again for all the lovely Christmas gifts we received.

A brief reminder of the Year 2 Curriculum

Maths

In Year 2 the children have a maths lesson every day. The lessons are planned and taught according to the National Curriculum and the new Teaching for Mastery initiative. It would be helpful if parents/carers could use everyday situations at home to practise mathematical skills including time (as well as months and seasons), money, shape and multiplication including the 2,3,5 and 10 times tables.

Literacy

In Year 2 the children have a Literacy lesson every day. Lessons are planned and delivered according to the National Curriculum and include spelling, grammar, punctuation, comprehension, fiction and non-fiction writing. We will also be teaching and encouraging the children to use joined up handwriting in their independent work.

Science

We are exploring two topics in science this term, 'Use of Materials' and 'Plants'. Throughout both the topics we have a strong emphasis on Scientific Enquiry and Investigation.

Reading

In Year 2 we would like the children to read **aloud** daily at home. Children should be encouraged to read a wide variety of different texts as well as their school reading book. We would be grateful if you could record your child's reading in their Reading Record Book. We will aim to change reading books twice a week.

Guided Reading

Most days we have a guided reading session after lunch. This enables us to read with a different group of children each time and develop reading comprehension skills.

Library

The children have a Library session each week. This gives them a chance to select from a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction books. Please see individual class timetables to see when these are held.

Parents

We are always very grateful for any parents who can come in and listen to readers. If this is something that interests you please contact the class teacher. It is a great help to both the staff and children.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Fire and Ice'. The children enjoyed a 'stunning start' on Ice Mania Monday. We will spend the first half term focussing on the 'Ice' part of the topic through the Geography curriculum. During the second half term, we will mainly cover 'Fire' through the History curriculum by exploring 'The Great Fire of London'.

French

In Year 2, the children are given a weekly French lesson with Madame Bodle. The children learn basic words, phrases and counting through a variety of music and fun activities.

PE/Games

Pupils need to have a PE kit for lessons which can be taken home to wash every half term. Please make sure that all items of PE and uniform are clearly named, especially school sweatshirts and polo shirts. Please also ensure that all pupils have white socks and jogging trousers in their PE kits. Please see individual class timetables to see when your child's PE lessons take place.

Homework

In addition to daily reading, the children are given two pieces of homework each week. On a Wednesday, they will receive a maths activity to complete. Further details will be included with the task. Please return this to school by the following Monday. On a Friday they will receive a spelling/dictation activity. Please ensure they return it by the following Wednesday.

Communication Books

In Year 2 every pupil has a Communication Book to promote home-school links. Please make use of these books as needed and check the books daily for any messages.

Water Bottles, Tissues and Wool

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school every day.

We find the Spring term is a particularly 'sniffly' time of year! Any donations of tissues would be gratefully received. During DT this term we will be making white polar pom pom animals. Any donations of white knitting wool would be greatly received.

Snacks

The children will continue to receive fruit daily from the fruit scheme. Some children have been bringing in additional snacks. We are happy for this to continue as long as it is a **healthy snack** and conforms to the school policy of **No Nuts**.

Extra Curricular Activities

A list outlining the extensive clubs and activities on offer is on the notice board outside the School Office. Please encourage your children to take up these opportunities.

We very much appreciate the support and encouragement you give to your child and hope that all this information enables you to be involved in their learning. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Zealey, Mrs Qadir, Miss Howard, Mrs Newell and Mrs Sharief