

Class 2 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Monday 4th September 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you to Year 2! We hope you had a lovely summer break and the children are excited about being back at school. This year, Year 2 is taught by Mrs Lincoln on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Langton on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our class is also supported by Mrs Gascoyne and Mrs Burson. Mrs Middleton will be leading the music sessions this term.

Our topic this term will be 'Light and Fire' which will give children a context to their learning across many curricular areas including science, religious education, design and technology and English. Geography learning for the first half term will involve naming the continents, oceans, and the capital cities around the UK. After half term we plan to make model vehicles; nearer the time, the children will be asked to bring in a shoe box (with a lid, preferably not shiny) for this so if you have some at home, please save them! If you or anyone you know would be able to enrich our topic in any way this term, either virtually or by providing resources, we would be very grateful. For further information about what the children will be covering, please see the topic web.

Active and outdoor learning - PE will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and lessons will take place outside as much as possible. On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. As the weather cools, this should be tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers. Plimssoles are optional for indoor PE; children can be in bare feet if preferred. For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back, jewellery should not be worn, and earrings must be removed. Please ensure your child has a jumper without a hood to wear. In addition to our timetabled PE lessons, Year 2 will take regular breaks for physical activity and enjoy other active lessons. We will endeavour to complete a 'Daily Mile' or 'Daily Skip' as a class most days. We also hope to regularly use the school nature space this term.

Reading - In Year 2, reading remains an important part of your child's homework. Children should read for at least 10 minutes every day. This time can include comprehension questions and discussion about the text, as well as reading and re-reading the book itself. We would be grateful if you could practise good hand hygiene before reading with your child; washing or sanitising yours and your child's hands before handling books and reading records and storing books in a plastic wallet when they are not being read. Class time will be set aside for changing books on a Monday and Thursday. Please add brief comments to your child's orange Reading Record to show they have been reading regularly at home. If your child has not finished their book, please could you record the page they have got up to in their Reading Record. If your child is reading a book from home, please also record this.

Homework - In addition to reading, a short maths task will be set on a Monday and handed in the following Monday. This task should be completed using pencil in your child's orange Homework Book. The tasks set should each take approximately 20 minutes.

Dates for your Diary – This year, 'Meet the Teacher' information will be uploaded on the website by **Friday 10th September**. Our class assembly is on **Friday 5th November**. There will be a whole school virtual Harvest festival on **Friday 24th September**. More details about this will follow. Look out for other dates affecting the whole school on the website and in the weekly newsletter.

Finally, please do not hesitate to speak to us if you require any further information. We look forward to an enjoyable term ahead!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lincoln and Mrs Langton