

Class 2 - Newsletter Spring Term 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phonics

We will focus on phonics daily within class to assist with children's reading and writing skills.

Handwriting

Please keep practising handwriting at home with your child. The focus is on letter/number formation, orientation and size.

Homework

Children are expected to read at home 4 times each week. Year 1 children will be given booklets of Phase 5 words and sounds to assist with their reading and phonics skills. It is important that your child practises them at home. Spellings will also be sent home to be practised. Year 2 children will receive times table booklets to practise at home. We will also be continuing with our extended homework and details will follow shortly.

PE

Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. PE will take place on Wednesday. All jewellery must be removed for P.E sessions. A tracksuit may be needed as the weather gets colder.

Belongings

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

Book Bags

Please ensure book bags are in school daily containing their reading books and reading records. As it is difficult to store the bags please use book bags rather than rucksacks.

Show and Tell

This will take place on a Friday afternoon for one table each week. We would like children to bring in items linked to topics we are covering in school, share something they have created or share any successes outside of school (no toys please).

Punctuality

Please try to bring your child to school at 8.50am as this gives them time to settle before the school day begins.

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and fun filled Christmas break. I am really looking forward to teaching Class 2 for the rest of this year. This term, we will be covering a range of topics and there will be lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children of Class 2.

Spring Term Learning

- This term's main topic will be Around our School. We will be looking at houses and homes, our local area of East Hanningfield and extending this to looking at the different countries of Great Britain.
- In English, we will be learning about a range of genres including stories with familiar settings (fiction), non-chronological reports (non-fiction) and different stories by the same author. Our poetry unit will focus on observation.
- In Maths, we will be learning to recognise the place value of 2 digit numbers. We will be counting in steps of 2,5,10 and 3 and using this to solve multiplication and division problems. We will learn different strategies for adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers. We will learn to tell the time to 30 minutes and 15 minutes and understand different units of time including days, months and years. We will begin to look at fractions and finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. We will learn about shapes including the properties of 3D shapes and comparing different shapes. We will also look at money in real-world situations and will be using coins and notes to solve problems.
- In RE, we will be learning about 'Special Ways of Living' and 'Special Words and Stories'.
- In PSHE, we will be learning about healthy relationships, feelings and emotions and valuing difference. Our Health Project work will link to this learning.
- In Science this term we will be learning about 'Feeding and Exercise' and 'Growing Plants'.
- In Art, we will be learning all about Lowry and his artwork.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly to you and discuss their books with them at home. Children should read at least four times at home each week so please ensure reading records are updated and in their book bags daily. Any messages can also be written in and we will review these daily. Please also practise sounds and tricky words from children's phonics books. Children can continue to use Bug Club at school and at home. I have allocated children new books to read on Bug Club and it would be very beneficial for children to answer the interactive questions about the books as they go along. Please let me know if children have forgotten their login details. Also, children will now be able to collect stickers on bookmarks for each time they read at home 4 times in a week. Rewards will be given out for children who fill their bookmarks.

Times Tables

Year 2 children will receive times table booklets for them to practise at home. They need to be fluent in their 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table. Year 2 children also need to recognise that division can be solved using their times tables (e.g. $10 \div 2$ can be solved by counting 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 which shows that the answer is 5 as they counted 5 numbers). As before, please also use Times Table Rockstars to continue times table practise and learning.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jones

