

YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. The children have loved sharing all their stories about their summer holidays. We are looking forward to an exciting year with so much to look forward to. We will be working through the Primary National Curriculum and introducing our new, exciting cornerstones topic.

Maths and spellings

In Maths this term we will be focusing on number and place value using a range of representations. We will be looking at different patterns and making links between numbers.

Phonics and spellings will focus on recapping phase 5 introducing new spelling rules. Any extra practise of this at home is, as always, very beneficial to the children's learning and progression in reading and writing.

Homework

Home learning will be set every Monday, alternating between a topic based task (which you can choose from on the topic grid) and a Mathletic and Spellodrome tasks (use the same login). There is a homework club running at lunchtimes for those who cannot access these at home and if homework is not completed the children will be asked to attend.

Mathletics and Spellodrome

Mathletics is a great way for the children to practise and consolidate the concepts we are learning in maths. The children are very eager to find out who receives the class cup at the end of every week!

We will continue using Spellodrome to practise and learn spelling words from the year 2 curriculum. Again, the children can earn points through playing games around spelling and using the spelling rules we have learnt in class. The login in for this is the same as that for Mathletics.

P.E

Your child will need a named PE kit in school. This includes: • Coloured T-Shirt for their house group

- Shorts/jogging bottoms
- Plimsoles • Jumper

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

PSHE and RE

Our topics for PSHE this term are 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating difference'. Children will discuss similarities and differences between themselves and each other and how to make good choices. In RE this term children will be learning about what Christians believe God is like and discussing the importance of Christmas for Christians.

Cornerstones

Our first topic this half term is 'Wriggle and Crawl.' We will be learning all about minibeasts and their habitat. We look forward to having a picnic outside and being

around all the different animals' habitats! The express date for this topic is the 17th October and will be held after school in the classroom.

After half term we will move on to a topic called 'Memory Box' which has a history focus. As part of this topic we will be learning about changes within living memory from learning to crawl to a special event we have attended!

Science: What is in your habitat?

In this topic the children are introduced to different habitats, how the living things are suited to the habitat and the interactions between them.

After half term we will be looking at the topic 'Growing up' where we study the basic needs of humans for survival and look at the sequence of a human life cycle.

Contact Books

The children will continue to bring home their contact book each day. These will be signed on a daily basis in school and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. If you have any messages for the teachers please use the contact book and please make sure the children bring in their contact books and reading books every day. If you have any questions, as always, do not hesitate to ask.

Here's to an enjoyable and positive autumn term!

Miss Jackson and Mrs Hayes (TA)