

Class 2 Newsletter - Autumn 1



Dear parents,

Welcome to (or back to) Class 2! Everyone is settling back into school just fine and already working hard and learning lots of things.

I would like to explain some of the procedures in Class 2.

Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be returned and completed by the following Thursday in their homework book. Your child has a new homework book which will provide a place to complete weekly tasks. Children will be rewarded for bringing in their completed homework on time.

Inside your child's homework book is a list of spellings which indicates which week of term the children will be tested. Please could you support your child in learning their spellings; they will be tested every Thursday.

I cannot express how important **reading** is - it affects everything we do. The more your child practises the better they become - as the terms go on it becomes apparent those who practise reading at home on a regular basis. Your child will be given a guided reading book which will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Every child will read on a Friday morning during guided reading sessions. Please use your child's reading diary to comment on your child's progression and any other comments you feel necessary. It would also be appreciated if you sign and date the diary to show you have listened to your child read.

Every Friday, your children will have the opportunity to take a book home from the school library. Can you please ensure your child returns their book the following Friday so we can swap it for a new one.

Having items of school clothing named will be beneficial to all as important learning time can sometimes be wasted finding out which jumper/ cardigan belongs to which child! This will hopefully avoid your child coming home without the correct clothing.

PE kits should be in school now. They will stay at school and will be sent home at the end of every half term to be washed. Some PE lessons take place in the hall but others are outside. Therefore your child should not only have shorts and t-shirt but also jogging bottoms, jumper and suitable footwear. PE is now on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Some of things we are learning this half term in our class are as follows:

Our English unit is based around the theme animals. Through this unit children will develop their own fictional animal characters as well as working with non-fiction texts. We will all work on improving our sentence writing and write our own stories.

In maths we will be working on number and place value, measurement and geometry (shapes). All of the activities will be practical and engaging whilst challenging your children.

In geography we will be exploring the seven continents of the world and animals living in hot and cold countries.

Our art and DT projects will shadow our animal theme and we will be designing and making clay animal models and animal puppets.

Your children will also begin/ continue to learn Spanish this year.

Thanks for reading. I appreciate your support.

Miss Forth / Class 2.

