

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



Welcome Back

Mr Dukes and Miss Huck would like to offer a warm welcome back to the Autumn Term. If you have any concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us either by contacting the school office or coming in for a chat after school. Our Teaching Assistants are Mrs Rawden and Mrs Prescott. If the teacher is not available, they will be of assistance at any time.

It is always lovely to see parents in school with their children on a morning and we would like to reiterate that you are more than welcome to come into class with your child. They will be able to show you around the room and show you what we have been learning. With our tight timetable we need to start our register at **8.30am** so we would appreciate it if you could leave your child in class before this time.

Many thanks for your continued support at home and at school.

The Year 2 team.

Important Dates

Enrichment day

5.9.19

Trip date

9.9.19

Parent Workshop date

5.12.19

P.E days

Monday

Curriculum Information

Literacy

During this term, we will be studying several books including 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. We will be focusing on punctuating sentences as well as extending them by using conjunctions such as 'and'. As part of school policy, children will begin to use cursive joins when handwriting, therefore they will have the opportunity to access handwriting practice every morning.

Numeracy

At the beginning of Year 2, children will be focusing on numbers and place value. This will include counting, partitioning 2 digit numbers, ordering and comparing numbers.

Topic

The topic for Autumn Term is 'Carnival of the Animals'. Children will have the chance to develop their knowledge and understanding about different groups of animals and their basic needs in science. As part of geography teaching children will learn the different countries that make up the U.K. then explore the different continents and explore animals that can be found on them. Children will also have an enrichment day to engage them in this topic and we will be visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park as our school trip.

Important Information

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches or other Mobile Devices

- Mobile Phones and/ or Smart Watches or other mobile devices must not be used on the school property, both in the building and in the school grounds.
- If a child brings a mobile phone etc. to school it must be switched off and given to their class teacher for safe keeping.
- Please note, the school will not be held responsible for any safekeeping of a Mobile Phone, Smart Watch or other Mobile Device.
- If a child uses a mobile phone etc. on the school property or fails to hand in a mobile phone etc. it will be confiscated and a parent/ carer will need to collect the confiscated item from the school. Parents/ carers will be informed if an item has been confiscated.
- If a mobile device is used inappropriately by a pupil, the pupil will receive a sanction in-line with school policy.

Pupil Uniform Expectations

- **Please label all your child's belongings where possible.**
- Full uniform is to be worn at all times, unless it is a non-uniform day. Full uniform also includes having a P.E and/ or swimming kit when needed.
- Any child who does not come to school in full uniform will be given spare uniform to change into, this includes black pumps. A text will be sent to parents/ carers each day.
- If your child is not in full uniform, including hairstyles and footwear (unless you have been advised otherwise) they will have their break and lunch time in our indoor break club.
- If your child is not in full uniform, including hairstyles and footwear (unless you have been advised otherwise), on the day of a school trip, out of school club or a further extra-curricular activity, this will need to be rectified before they attend the trip, club or activity.

Pupil Uniform List

- Red jumper or cardigan, either plain or with the embroidered school logo.
- White or red polo t-shirt or buttoned shirt/blouse.
- Black or grey trousers or shorts (no leggings, joggers or denim).
- Black or grey skirt or pinafore dress (no shorter than knee length).
- Red and white checked summer dress (no shorter than knee length).
- Plain red, grey or black tights.
- Black shoes, black ankle boots, black pumps or all black trainers. No trainers with visible logos, or any visible colour other than black. No boots above the ankle. No heels or wedges. No open toe shoes/ sandals.

Pupil PE Kit List

- Sports shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no football or club logos).
- T-shirt (no football or club logos).
- Pumps (indoor PE).
- Trainers (outdoor PE).
- Swimming trunks (not swimming shorts) or a one-piece swimming costume.
- For Health & Safety reasons, earrings cannot be worn for P.E under any circumstances. We are not able to put tape over earrings or remove your child's earrings for them. Therefore, your child will either have to come to school without earrings in on P.E days, or your child will need to be able to remove their earrings by themselves.

Additional Pupil Uniform Information

- No jewellery is to be worn except for a wrist watch (no smart watches) and small stud earrings.
- No extreme hair styles, including colours or cuts and shaved in patterns.
- No makeup, false nails or transfer tattoos.
- School uniform, including book bags, can be purchased from Quicksteps located in Asda, Carcroft. Alternatively, you can order from staff at the main office at either site.

Home Reading Expectations

- We request that parents listen to their child read at least 3 times per week and **sign and date** their record book on each separate date.
- It is important that your child has the opportunity to read at home each week. If your child reads at home at least 3 times per week they will earn 15 minutes extra Golden Time every Friday. Pupils who do not read at home at least 3 times per week will attend the Golden Time Reading Club on a Friday afternoon for the first 15 minutes.

Home Learning Expectations

- We request that parents ensure that their child completes their homework every week.
- Your child will already be familiar with the content of the set homework. They will also have a study guide to support them with completing their homework.
- It is important that your child does their homework each week as it is marked with all the pupils in class on a Friday afternoon. If your child does not complete the set homework, your child will attend the Golden Time Homework Club on a Friday afternoon.
- If your child is having difficulty completing their homework, they can see their teacher for guidance prior to it being marked on a Friday afternoon.

Pupil Behaviour Expectations

- Parents are requested to support the school in upholding our 'Behaviour Management Policy' (copies are available on the school website or in the main reception areas).
- Daily, weekly and termly rewards are given to pupils who follow the school's Golden Rules.
- If your child is on Behaviour Report, has been on Behaviour Report, or received an Internal or External Exclusion during the term, your child will not be permitted to attend the following during that term:
 - the termly school trip on the grounds of Health & Safety
 - any termly out of school clubs on the grounds of Health & Safety
 - the termly behaviour reward (see diary dates for more details)
- If your child is on Behaviour Report, has been on a Behaviour Report, or received an Internal or External Exclusion at any point during the academic year, your child will not be permitted to attend:
 - the school residential visit for that academic year on the grounds of Health & Safety
- If your child is on, or has been on an Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP), it will be at the discretion of the Inclusion Team whether they are permitted to take part in the above activities.

Attendance and Punctuality Expectations

- Excellent attendance at school is important as it enables your child to fulfil their potential. Every single day your child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. We class excellent attendance as 100% and Good attendance as 97%. Various rewards will be given throughout the year for 100% attendance.

Food and Drink Expectations at Adwick Primary

Drinks

- With the exception of packed lunches provided by parents, the school will provide pupils with drinks throughout the school day – this will be water and milk (if your child is entitled to milk) only.
- Parents are requested **not** to send in a drink for their child, just a water bottle.
- Bottles can go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned.
- You may provide some chopped up fruit in the water bottle to flavour the water if you wish to do so.
- Any juice or flavoured water sent into school will be replaced with water, unless juice or flavoured water is recommended by a doctor for medical needs.

Break time snacks

- Any snacks that are brought from home will be restricted to fruit or vegetables unless recommended by a doctor on medical grounds (e.g. dietary need, diabetes etc.).
- Fruit is provided by the school at the Lower site.
- Cereal bars contain lots of sugar so we ask that you do not send these.

School lunches

- At Adwick Primary, all school meals will be prepared following the government nutritional guidelines, as stated in the Public Health Report, published in 2014, by Public Health England and the NAHT.
- We will provide Universal Free School Meals for pupils in Foundation Stage 2 and Key Stage 1. We are committed to providing food which is compliant with all national guidelines.
- Pupils are provided with a 'choice menu', which varies on a daily basis.
- Any special dietary requests for school meals need to be confirmed with medical evidence.
- Pupils are encouraged to be independent during the meal and clearing up after themselves at the end by tidying their plates and cutlery away.

Packed lunches

- Some pupils prefer to bring a packed lunch. If this is the case, we request that you provide a packed lunch which is also healthy, e.g. no fizzy drinks, one sweet snack (no chocolate bars).
- Please do not send items that contain nuts due to pupils that have a nut allergy.
- Packed lunches provided for school trips as part of our Free School Meal provision comply with National Food Standards.