

Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. The children have settled in really well to their new classrooms and routines. Here are a few points that will help you and your child with their learning:

- PE lessons take place on a Thursday. On this day please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and appropriate sport trainers or PE pumps. PE lessons will take place outside, whenever possible, therefore please ensure your child is wearing clothes appropriate for the weather. Children stay in their PE kit all day, therefore it is not necessary to send school uniform. Long hair must be tied back in a bobble and earrings must be removed or taped.
- In Year 2 reading books are not being sent home this year. Your child will be reading Storyworld books in school, with teaching staff, but at home they will read the e-books on the Reading Planet system. Many of you have already been accessing these books during the summer. Books have been assigned to ensure that there is sufficient for one book per week during the first half term. Don't forget to answer the questions throughout the book and also complete the quiz at the end in order to obtain the reward star. We recommend that books are read several times, just as we do with the Storyworld books your child has brought home, in order to achieve greater fluency and understanding. As a reminder, your child will be coming home with their unique log-in details that they were issued with during the summer.
- Each week, on a Monday, your child will be given a list of spellings to practise at home. Please support your child to practise these, 4 times per week, using the look, say, cover, write and check method. Your child will be tested, at the beginning of the following week, on the spellings.
- Children's maths skills can be greatly boosted by help at home, in the same way that regular help with spelling and reading can nurture their literacy skills. Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday to be completed and returned to school by the following Friday please.
 - Every child has the same homework which is set at an appropriate level for their age. Some children may need more help to complete it than others.
 - Please encourage and support your child to complete the task (but don't do it for them!) Mark it with your child so they can learn from their mistakes.
 - The task will either be Maths that we have been doing in class that week or will be based on simple number facts or skills.
 - It shouldn't take longer than 10 or 15 minutes and shouldn't be a chore! Keep it fun and positive.

- Where appropriate, we will provide a link to an online game on [Topmarks.co.uk](https://www.topmarks.co.uk) for children to practise their maths skills.

