

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 your child will come home with a new reading book each Thursday and this should be returned on a Wednesday and a new book will be issued. Reading with your child at home is invaluable and we recommend you do this three times a week. Reading a book several times is necessary to improve fluency and word recognition.



The following points may help your home reading sessions:

1. Encourage your child to be responsible for obtaining their own reading resources – retrieve their book bag, open the bag, find the book. Get themselves ready to read.
 2. Chat with your child about the cover of their book. Encourage them to make predictions about the story – *e.g. what do you think the story is about? Why do you think the boy in the picture is upset? Where do you think the story takes place?*
 3. Ensure your child is pointing to the words with their finger, not you. Make sure they turn the page themselves.
 4. Encourage your child to sound out words and recognise common words such as *the, was, my, he, she, they*.
 5. During and after reading ask your child questions – *e.g. why do you think the dog ran away? How do you know she was upset? What makes you think this story is set in a different country to ours? Can you retell the main parts of the story?*
- 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. Please return the completed spelling sheets on a Monday, thank you. 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 Wednesday please.



1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. It shouldn't take longer than 10 or 15 minutes and shouldn't be a chore! Keep it fun and positive.
5. Where appropriate, we will provide a link to an online game on Topmarks.co.uk for children to practise their maths skills.

Many thanks

The Year 2 Staff

