



Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2016.

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 2. In **Class 6**, Mrs Ruddick is the class teacher. Mrs Ling and Mrs Lavercombe are the Teaching



Assistants and we also welcome Mrs Hannam, a trainee teacher who will be with us throughout the academic year. Mrs Masteika will teach PE on a Monday afternoon and Mrs Buckley teaches music on a Tuesday afternoon. In **Class 3**, Miss Roberts is the class teacher. Mrs Buckley teaches music on a Monday afternoon and Mrs Lake is the Teaching Assistant.

This term our topic is **Awesome Authors** and our big questions is **What can we learn from Roald Dahl?** We will be focussing our learning all around the work of Roald Dahl, starting with the Enormous Crocodile and then moving on to other texts such as The Twits and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

In History, we will be using the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth to look at his life and learn about how things such as school, transport and technology have changed over time.

In Design Technology, we are going to make different types of puppets. In Art, we will focus on portraits to start with and will move on to watercolour in the style of Quentin Blake's illustrations.

Computing will focus on coding to create animations using programmes such as Scratch Jr (you can download this free at home).

In Maths, we will start with place value and ordering numbers and in Science, we will be learning about animal habitats and food chains.

As well as swimming, the children will do PE every week and will do a 10 minute jog each day. Please make sure your child has a full, named PE kit and named drink bottle in school every day. Girls with long hair need a hair band so they can tie up their hair in PE lessons.

We will be sending home spellings to practise. We practise spelling in school but don't do tests. Once we see that your child is using each set of spellings correctly in their written work they will get a certificate and a new set. We will give you more information about how you can help with spellings when we send the first set home. Please support your child at home by listening to them read a couple of pages a day, reading them a bedtime story and doing lots of counting with them including counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s from any number.

If you have any questions, please come in and see us.

Miss Roberts and Mrs Ruddick.

