

Year 2 Class Letter

21st September 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the summer holidays and welcome to Year 2! I hope you and your children had a lovely, restful break.

Settling In- We have lots of fun activities planned to help your child make a smooth transition into year 2. We will be doing lots of SEAL work and thinking about our new beginning and what we want to achieve in year 2. The children will be given new team groups and will have lots of opportunities to do team building activities. We are also doing a lot of work on how we would like our classroom to be and how to work together to make a happy classroom.

Topic Our topic this half term is '**Florence Nightingale**', and we will be learning about how to keep our bodies healthy. This will be taught across the curriculum and we link all our topics to the curriculum as much as possible. This makes the children's learning more relevant and gives it a context. It also allows us to be more creative and take part in role play and art activities more often. Details of what we will be covering the first half term can be found overleaf. This term will include lots of activities based around 'Florence Nightingale' including creating portraits of her based on different artists styles, role playing to help us think of questions to ask about the past and writing about her life.

P.E. Your child will need a **P.E. kit** to be kept on his/her peg. Please make sure this includes a T-shirt, shorts and a pair of pumps or trainers that fit. We will be doing P.E on **Mondays and Wednesdays** and hope to get outside as much as possible, therefore pumps or trainers will be essential. **Please make sure that the kit is named**; from experience these do get left out or put back in the wrong P.E. kit and if they are names they can be returned to the owner straight away. It seems unlikely but you would be surprised how clothes seem to be at the complete other side of the classroom from their owner!

Volunteers Guided reading will be on Wednesday mornings from 9 -9.45. It would be really appreciated if you feel you would be able to help out with this and listen to a group. Please see me if you are interested in helping; training is available if required. During the year we will also be providing opportunities for families to come into the classroom and work with children. We feel this has a really positive impact for the children and allows families to continue to see what we do in school.

Can I also remind all families that the school office will be shut on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoon.

As always, if you have any worries or queries, please don't hesitate to ask; I am available most days after school, apart from Monday's when we have our staff meeting. You are also welcome to come up to look round the classroom with your child after school to see what we have been doing.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Welch and Mrs Senior