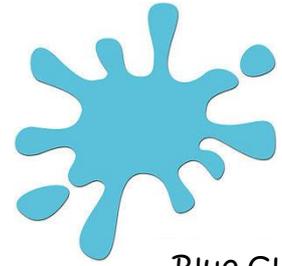




Indigo Class

Autumn Newsletter Year 2



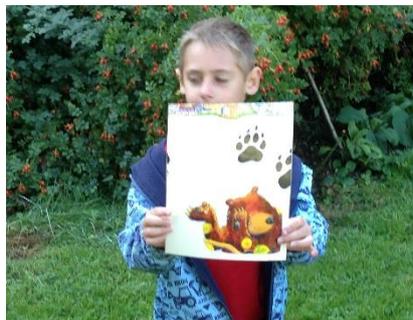
Blue Class

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 2. After a long and enjoyable summer holiday, we hope that your child is ready to embark upon a fun and exciting year of learning. We feel it is important to share some key information with yourselves on day to day practices and other information that you may require.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is '**Paws, Claws and Roars**' which is a science based topic: all about bears, their habitats and their diet. Please see 'Overview' on information board. We have already introduced the children to the new topic with our **Stunning Starter**.



PE

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday for both classes. Although, we may have additional PE sessions anytime of the week so it is therefore important that PE kits remain in school for the entire half term. However you are always welcome to take the kit home on a Friday and return on the Monday morning if you want to give it a quick wash. PE bags should be placed on coat pegs in the corridor. In order to keep your child safe in PE, earrings or other jewellery **must be removed** before PE and long hair (shoulder length) needs to be tied back. Please could you ensure that **ALL** items in the bag are labelled, especially as they all look the same and are of a similar size. It can be difficult to locate the rightful owner of items as the children do not always recognise their own belongings.

Reading and Reading Comprehension

We are continuing with our drive for Reading for Enjoyment and therefore reading at home is very important and forms part of the children's literacy homework. Please support your child with their reading by reading regularly; at least three times a week. Ideally, your child should read their school scheme book several times BEFORE it gets changed. This gives the child the opportunity to practise using words they have learned. Repeat readings also help your child to better understand what is going on in the story and finally they can enjoy the story.

It is important that your child is given the opportunity to read a range of different books in addition to their reading scheme book. We aim for the children to read once a week, one to one, with an adult as well as within a Guided Reading group. After reading with your child at home could you please record this in their Reading Record. There is no need to write comments if you do not wish to do so, just the date will do.

Grammar, Spelling and Handwriting

Due to extensive changes in the literacy curriculum we will be incorporating more spelling, handwriting and grammar into our weekly session.

Spelling - We have sent home a set of Autumn words, which are attached, and a list of different ways to you can help your child to learn to spell in a fun way. The children will continue to learn spelling rules in school and the Spelling Bee words help them practise those rules.

Your child will also continue to have sets of Rainbow Words sent home to help them learn how to spell some common 'non-rule' words.

Forest School

Blue class will be starting Forest School on Monday 17th September. Further information will be available on the school website.

Homework

This year homework will be sent home weekly in a homework book. Some of the homework will require access to the Internet. If this is a problem please let us know as we can organise access during school time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D. Burbury and Mrs R. Wigston