

Mrs. Loring's Class 2 Newsletter

January 2019

Happy New Year!



What if the world was made of Lego?

Our Learning

Please see the attached planning sheet for details of what we will be learning about this half-term.

Trips

To enhance our learning this half-term, we are arranging to take the children to the LEGOLAND Discovery Centre in Manchester on **Tuesday 5th February**. Further details to follow next week.

Reading

The children should have brought a reading book home this week. Reading a little every day at home is crucial in order to increase fluency and strengthen sight vocabulary. Each Monday, we will send one or two books home for your child to read throughout the week. An extra phonics book may be added to your child's book bag later in the week. If your child masters these books quickly, please continue to practise them, so they can work on fluency and speed. We have found that children become more confident in reading if they 'over learn' a book, as opposed to moving on to a different text too quickly. Also, please do not worry if your child brings home a book that they have already read – you should notice a huge improvement in confidence and accuracy, which is a powerful reading experience for your child.

Rewards

Class 2 are now working with the 'Class Dojo' reward system like in the KS2 classes. Due to the success of the system, we will no longer be awarding green stickers and 'Always Child' certificates. Expectations of behaviour, work and attendance remain the same, but through the 'Class Dojo' reward system children can earn points and prizes more regularly.

Please ensure that reading at home is recorded in the yellow reading diaries so we can award your child with Dojos – 1 point for each time a reading session is recorded.

Times Tables Rock Stars

All children in Class 2 now have usernames and passwords, and can log on to practise their tables and explore the program. I can monitor how well they are doing and move them onto the next times table when ready. We even have Rock Star rewards for the children with the most points each week! The national expectation is that by the end of Year 2, children are fluent in multiplication and division facts for the 2s, 5s and 10s.

Topic Detectives

Instead of completing Topic Detectives work at home this half-term, you are invited to come into school on **Monday 11th February 1.15 – 3.20pm** to work with your child/children on a Topic Detective style project. More information will follow.

Milk

As all children in Class 2 are 5 years old or over, daily milk needs to be paid for if your child wishes to continue having milk. Please see Mrs. Sanderson in the school office.

PE

Sessions this half-term will usually be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**.

Nuts

Just a reminder that there are children and adults in school with nut allergies. Packed lunch and treats for birthdays must be checked carefully to ensure they are **completely nut-free**.

Water

Water improves concentration, learning, health, wellbeing and happiness! Please make sure your child has a water bottle, containing only water, in school every day.

Sports Club – KS1

Sessions: 16th January, 23rd January, 30th January and 6th February.

We currently have some places free if your child would like to join!

Diary Dates

Please see the school website/Head teacher newsletter for important dates for your diary.