



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

January 2024

Welcome back! Happy New Year. We hope you had a lovely break.

Arriving and Leaving School

A reminder of the timings for Y2 children – the doors will be open at 8:35 and close at 8:44. Any children who arrive after the doors are closed will need to go through the office entrance. The doors will then reopen at 3:12pm for children to be collected.

Reminder

Please can we remind you that children should not be wearing earrings in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Our wider curriculum

Over this term our curriculum work will focus on learning about Clarice Cliff and Josiah Spode in History, Comparing countries in Geography and looking at map work and looking at germs and exercise in Science.

We are using the text Alice in Wonderland as part of our English learning and moving onto times tables and money in Maths.

We are hoping to book a couple of trips for the rest of the academic year and will be in touch about these as soon as we have more information.

P.E.

As you know, we do PE twice each week. Our main PE day is Thursday and on a Monday we do a fitness session (tabata)

Children need to come into to school on these days dressed in their full school PE kit. Please can you ensure that the children are wearing school PE kit and not patterned leggings and t-shirts.

Fitzy Fox

Fitzy Fox is our P.E mascot and he will continue to come home with a different child each weekend. This is a way of encouraging your child to be healthy and active. In his bag he has some resources to make up some games and have some active fun with him. We would love to see pictures of Fitzy and your child doing active things and having fun. Please email any pictures and text for us to print and display at school.

Homework

This year our homework will be focusing on 'the basics!'

Children are expected to read at least **five** times a week. If you're finding this tricky to keep up with, or having trouble getting your child to engage with reading, please do speak to your child's class teacher and we'd be more than happy to help resolve any issues.

The children will also have weekly spellings to learn and also a maths activity which will help them with their maths lessons eg number bonds or times tables. Homework and spellings will be uploaded to the children's dojo account each week for you to access.

The children will bring home a weekly arithmetic test which they complete at school. We mark them and send them home for you to look at any errors with your child, so you are able to support their learning. These do not need to be returned.

Snacks

At playtime the children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to enjoy. Ideas are items such as: fruit, raisins, breadsticks, carrot sticks etc. Please do not send chocolate, sweets, crisps or any nut products. Children will also need a labelled water bottle to have in the classroom. Please don't worry if your child forgets their snack one day, as we have fresh fruit in the classroom.



Reading

Reading continues to be a crucial part of your child's education and we would really like to see lots of children achieving the reading challenge this term. Your child only has to read 5 out of the 7 days, and it does not have to be the whole book. Sometimes a few pages and a couple of well-chosen questions about what they have read will suffice. It is equally important to check that your children understand what they are reading by asking questions. This extra practise makes such a huge difference so please support us, and remember to achieve the reading challenge you must sign the sheet!

Remember your children can read other books as well as their reading books, and if these are recorded in their reading sheets they will also count towards the reading challenge. We want to encourage a *love of reading!*

Children will receive 1 book on a Monday and then these can be changed throughout the week when required. It is the children's responsibility for them to place their books in the changing box in the classrooms. We would expect children to change books no more than three times a week. Please remember children still need to be answering questions about books, enjoying the story and understanding what they are reading. It is not a race.