

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016 – 1st half

Welcome to Year 2!

I hope that you've all had a restful summer break and that the children are excited to be back and raring to go! I will teach the children every day, except Wednesday mornings when the children will go swimming. Please feel to speak to me about any questions or concerns you may have.

P.E. Kits and Swimming Costumes

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. We will send it home at half-term to be washed!

The children will be swimming on Wednesday mornings until Christmas. Please make sure they have their swimming costume and a towel with them.

Topics

Our main topic this term is Ourselves through which we will cover a number of subjects. We will begin by looking at the children's own history. Please could the children bring in 1 photograph of themselves as a baby and 1 photograph of themselves as a toddler? We are going to be thinking about the different things that we learn to do at different points in our lives. Please send it in by the end of this week!

Reading

The children will continue to have books to read at home. As the children's reading ability develops I will encourage them to change their books themselves. The children will benefit greatly from you reading with them at home. Little and often helps keep their interest and maintain concentration! Please sign their reading records so that we know they have read at home. The children won't always be heard read individually due to Guided Reading.

Guided Reading

The children have at least 1 Guided Reading session every week. This is where one of the adults works with a small group of children reading the same level of books. This book will be different to the books they bring home in their reading folders. Guided reading allows the children to further develop their word reading (using their phonics and building up their fluency) but also their comprehension skills and understanding of what they have read.

Maths homework

The children will continue to bring home a book with addition facts, and later multiplication facts, that they will need to learn to recall instantly. More information about these will be in the front of the books. It will help the children if you encourage them to practise regularly and in different ways. They could sometimes write them down, say them out loud or you could say them out loud.