

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016 – 2nd half

Welcome back!

I hope that you've all had a lovely half term break and that the children are pleased to be back and ready to work hard until Christmas! 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 Christmas 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 Animals. We will be looking at the life cycle of different animals and what different animals need to survive. We will finish the term thinking about Christmas. This will involve us spending lots of time preparing for our Christmas Nativity which we would love you to come and watch on **Tuesday 13th December**.

Reading

The children will continue to have books to read at home. 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. The children now have access to an online maths resource that can be accessed at home. Their log on details are in the back of their maths homework books.