

## Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

### September 2020

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting first term in Year 2.

### Arriving and Leaving School

To ensure that the children are becoming increasingly independent we ask that parents leave their children at their entrance. It is essential to be punctual in the mornings and afternoons to ensure social distancing. Here are the current timings for each class.

2SS – 8:50am – 2:55pm – Door by mobiles / Nursery entrance  
2LD – 9:00am – 3.05pm – KS2 door  
2AA – 9.05am – 3.10pm – KS2 door

### Year Two Staff

The teachers in Year 2 are Miss Smalley (2SS), Mrs Durkin (2LD) and Mrs Adlington (2AA).

The teaching assistants in Year 2 are Mrs Eagles-Wain (2SS), Mrs Price (2AA) and Mrs Crump (2LD).

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### Our Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

Over the first half term our curriculum work will focus on "Africa". We will be looking at the following texts; Giraffe's can't Dance and The How to Hide a Lion series.

During this curriculum work we will be learning in Geography about the continent of Africa, surrounding continents and oceans of the world. We will also be learning in Science about African animals and comparing Africa to our country and surroundings.

### P.E.

Our main PE day in Year 2 will be **Wednesday**. Please can the children come to school in full school PE kit on a Wednesday, ensuring that they have layers as we will be doing PE outside where possible. The children can wear trainers and will not need black indoor pumps. The children can stay in their PE kits all day.

### Fitzy Fox

Fitzy Fox is our P.E mascot and he will continue to come home with a different child each weekend. Fitzy will then be washed and quarantined throughout the week ready to go home with a different child the following weekend. This is a way of encouraging your child to be healthy and active. Instead of a diary as previous years please email any pictures and text for us to print and display at school.

### **Homework**

Children will continue to receive "Brain Builders" homework. This will be issued on Wednesdays and need to be returned on the following Wednesday. They will receive an English and a Maths task as it will be fortnightly. The English will be in the bronze, silver and gold format and your child's level will be highlighted. The first Maths will be the same for all children and then in future when we set for Maths it will come from their Maths group teacher and will be at their current Maths level. The weekly spellings will come home on a Monday stuck to the reading sheet for that week and the children will be tested on these on the following Monday. The children's score will be stuck onto the next week's reading sheet.

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 together if you get chance. These do not need to be returned.

### **Golden Time**

During a Friday afternoon the children will have their GOLDEN TIME! This is when the children are rewarded for their good behaviour. Due to the current situation we will **not** be allowing children to bring in toys from home. We will plan an activity in school for the children to enjoy some relaxing time instead.

### **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 or crisps. Children will also need a labelled water bottle to have on their desks 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 2 books on a Monday which then need to be returned on a Friday when they will receive a new book for over the weekend.

### **Phonics and SAT's**

Due to the children missing out on their phonics screen in June the government have decided that the children still need to complete this assessment. This will be issued to the children during Autumn 2, if your child doesn't meet the required standard then they will re-sit the screen in June 2021. We will be having daily phonics sessions and will communicate with you key sounds for your individual children to practice at home.

During week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the children will sit their end of KS1 assessments (SAT's). We will arrange some more information about this to be sent out.

**REMINDER:** Please email your COVID home school agreements to your class teachers. Thank you