

Year 2 Newsletter Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2! We are looking forward to having a visit from River's Rodents and Reptiles tomorrow to launch our new topic with an animal handling experience. Please let the class teacher know if your child has any allergies to animal fur. Our topic this term will include opportunities to find out the basic needs of animals, taking photographs and getting creative with the countdown to Christmas.

Reading

This term's focus will be developing the children's fluency. As accuracy is a fundamental part of improving this, we will be concentrating on building up the children's sight vocabulary. Regular practise of the words at the back of your children's Reading Record will really help this, as the children will need to be sufficiently fluent so they can focus on developing their understanding of what they are reading. To help your child progress with their reading, please can you read with your children **at least 3 times** a week and sign their Reading Record. To encourage the children to read at home we will now be giving 3 credits to those who read 3 times a week, 4 to those that read 4 times and 5 to those that read as least 5 times. Thank you to those parents who are already supporting this.

Maths

Having taught addition and subtraction last term, we will be moving on to teach multiplication and division. Initially, we focus on multiplying by 2, 5 and 10 and then moving onto solving word problems. As the term progresses we will move onto division of 2, 5 and 10.

Homework and Termly Assessments

Homework for Term 2 will be sent out this week and we will start the third cycle of spelling. As with last term, there will be two spelling assessments and a longer assessment week near the end of term where reading comprehension and sight vocabulary will be assessed. Maths assessment reviews will continue throughout the term as they did in Term 1.

PE

Year 2 PE days are as follows:

Robin Class - Thursday and Friday

Puffin Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Woodpecker Class - Monday and Wednesday.

Just a reminder that if your child cannot remove their earrings independently, they should not wear them on a PE day so they can still take part in the PE session and that long hair should be tied back. For indoor PE this term (Gym) the children will need to wear shorts and a t-shirt so that they can use the apparatus safely.

Art and Craft

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in an old shirt or apron for your child to wear during these sessions. This Friday, there is a whole school Art Day, so please send in something for your child to wear to cover their school uniform if you haven't already.

The children have settled very well into Year 2 and are coping well with the curriculum expectations. They are enjoying having the responsibility of being the eldest children in the infant part of the site.

Thank you to all our Year 2 parents.

The Year 2 Team