

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter: Term 2

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1 and 2 children,

Welcome to Term 2!

Phonics and Early Reading:

This term we are building on our phonics knowledge by learning the alternative graphemes (spellings) for the phonemes (sounds) that pupils have already learnt. Last term we worked hard on building routines in phonics lessons, consolidating our recall of sounds that have already been taught and applying those sounds when reading words.

Each week pupils will have a group reading sessions with an adult and this will focus on the key skills of decoding, reading with expression and comprehension. At the end of the week, they will bring home their book to read with you. Children are expected to read at home a minimum of three times each week and for this to be recorded in their reading record.

Please encourage your child to bring in their reading books and reading record each day as we do hear individual readers.

Spellings

In class we continue to focus on learning the common exception words for year 1 and year 2.

Library

Our library slot is on a **Friday**. Please send returned books in on a Friday morning. Your child will have an opportunity to select a book that interests them to share with you at home. Please be aware that they will need to return the book borrowed in the previous week to be able to take a new book home.

Reading regularly at home, will improve your child's reading speed and comprehension. Please encourage your child to read regularly and talk to them about their reading to help them develop these crucial skills.

P.E:

P.E will be on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Children will need to ensure they wear their P.E kit into school. Kits are white top and black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and appropriate footwear.

Kind regards,

Sarah Griffin



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English

We are using a new and exciting English curriculum this year and all of our learning will be inspired by books!

Core texts: Katie in London by James Mayhew.



Mathematics

Core Maths lessons – We start this year with our Number units: Place Value (within 20), Addition and Subtraction (within 20) and then explore Geometry by looking at the properties of shapes.

Mastering Number – We are also starting Mastering Number a daily programme that helps pupils to develop fluency and understanding when working numbers.



Wider Curriculum:

Week 1 – 3: History: We will be investigating the question 'Why did the Great Fire of London burn for so long?'

Week 4-6: DT: Structures

Week 6 – 7: Science: With a focus on biology, we will be answering the question 'What are our seen body parts and what do we mean by the five senses?'



Key Dates:

Monday 11th November 2024 – Remembrance day

Tuesday 12th November 2024 – Start of Anti-Bullying week – please wear odd socks with usual school uniform.

Friday 15th November 2024 – Children in Need – come to school in mufti, the theme is spots.

Friday 20th December 2024 – End of term 2.