



Information for Parents

Year 2

September 2017

Staff Team

Green Class: Mrs Knights with Mrs Warden

Yellow Class: Miss O'Connor with Mrs Panchal, Mrs Powley and Mrs Lewis

Topics

Year 2 is still topic based and this year we will be covering a variety of topics and have made some changes to previous years. Our topics this year include: Myths and Legends, The Fire of London, Africa, Traditional Tales, Quest and Adventure and The Seaside.

Reading

We expect you to listen to your child read on a regular basis and sign their reading logs for return to school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please do not get too focused on the colour band or level that your child has reached on the school reading scheme as we read with your child regularly and their progress is carefully monitored. If you are at all concerned about the progress please see the class teacher. In addition, we have a lending library where children can select a book to take home to read. Please ensure that these books are returned to school the following week.

Show and Tell

A list of when show and tell is scheduled for each child will be displayed on the window and a copy put into book bags. We would ask, where possible, that their show and tell is brought in on a Monday and they will have an opportunity to show this during the week. Where possible please try not to bring in toys, perhaps a souvenir from a trip or an item linked to our topic.

PE

Our designated PE day is Wednesday, however we would ask that PE kits are kept in school all week in case of a timetable change. Please can PE kits contain trainers or plimsolls suitable for outdoor PE.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child comes to school with fresh drinking water in named water bottle each day.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. It is expected that your child complete the homework set each week. The homework books will allow you to indicate the level of support needed.

Spelling

A set of spellings to learn will also be sent home on a Friday. These words will support the phonics taught during the week and will be tested on the following Friday.

Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly. On discovery of any 'unwanted visitors' it is helpful to treat immediately and return to school. A whole day off for lice is not authorised.

Rewards

Stickers are awarded to children which are collected in their smart card sticker book. As they collect more stickers, they move up our whole school achievement pyramid and will be awarded certificates as they reach each stage. Children can also be sent to the Head/Deputy Headteacher for a special award or certificate.

Assessments

Internal assessments in reading, writing, maths, science and computing are made at regular intervals throughout the year

SATs

End of Year SATs tests will take place throughout the month of May. It is important that your child attends school every day. The children are unaware that they are taking these and we introduce them as challenges. The results of these are used to support our teacher assessments.

Additional Responsibilities

Children in year 2 have additional responsibilities in school. This includes being a buddy at lunchtime where they are responsible for getting out and putting away playground equipment at the start and end of play and lunchtimes as well as keeping an eye out for other children in the playground to check that everyone has someone to play with.

Parent Helpers

We are grateful for any help you are able to give. If this is something that you might like to do then please speak to the class teacher to discuss this further.

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium funding supports children to take part in activities such as after school clubs, music lessons or additional support in class. Children whose parents or carers receive any of the following benefits below may be eligible: Income support; income based jobseeker's allowance; pension credit; employment support allowance; child tax credit with income below £16190. If you think you might be eligible, please contact the school office, call 0300 123 4048 or online via www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals.