

Year 2 Newsletter (Autumn)



Our topic this term: **VIPs of the past**

Welcome Year 2, your child's first term in their next school chapter. We would just like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 2.

- Miss Ashman, Mr Mitchelmore and Miss Paine will be teaching in Zebra class
- Miss Latif and Miss Saunders will be teaching in Penguin class

You will receive a newsletter every term. This will be available on the website under our class page. Please check this page regularly as we will upload the texts we will be learning and photos of what we have achieved.

English

Our story telling this term will be based on the text 'On the way home' by Jill Murphy. We are going to learn the key phrases in the story and use these to help us retell it. We will look at all the description used and the way that the author describes the characters. We will then use this information to write our own version of the story.



For our non-fiction this term we will be writing an instruction text. Children will learn a class text and then complete their own. These will then go up onto a display to show the start of year 2's fantastic work!

At home:

Spelling - Help children recap key word spellings. Have a look through their homework, are there any words that are spelt wrong? Go through and correct these words together. Learn weekly spellings.

Handwriting - We are having a big push on handwriting. Help children by showing them how to form letters correctly, including in their homework books.

Reading- Read with your child each evening and write a comment in their reading diary. Adults will regularly update your child's reading record if they are read with.

English homework is set fortnightly on a Friday.

Maths

Over the next few weeks your child be completing counting, place value, addition and subtraction, number problems, 2D shape work and monetary values in their lessons. Each week your child will work on a different topic and this will be reflected in their weekly homework.



At home:

Times tables- We are trying extremely hard to achieve our times tables championships in Year 2. Please practise your 2 x, 3x, 4x, 5x and 10 x tables to support your child in achieving this superb award.

Maths homework is set fortnightly on a Friday

PE

The children have two PE sessions a week on Monday and Wednesday (Zebra class) and Tuesday and Wednesday. (Penguin class) We do our best to stick to these days but sometimes they have to change at the last minute. To help us out please could their PE kits be in school all week. One session will be outside each week, so please ensure your child has black tracksuit trousers and a

red Beecroft jumper especially as the weather gets colder. Your child will be trying their hand at multi-sports and gymnastics this term.

At home:

PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black or blue coloured shorts, black tracksuit trousers, red jumper and trainers or plimsolls. Make sure all their kit is labelled clearly with their name and class and is kept in a named bag in a box.

Creative curriculum

Our topic this term is 'VIPs of the past.' We will spend the term looking at a series of famous people through history. We will begin the topic looking at Walt Disney. We will re- create images of his characters using paint and hope to use these in our classroom displays. As we continue our topic we will cover each aspect of the curriculum, this includes: History, Geography, Art, Design and technology, Computing, Music and Science.

At home:

Each week your child will bring home their homework log. In this you will receive fortnightly Maths and English homework and their work linked to the creative curriculum. You and your child may choose to complete any of the activities on the front sheet of your log when you would like.

Reminders and dates

Uniform: Please make sure that all new uniform is clearly labelled in case it is misplaced. That way it can be returned to the correct class as soon as it is located.

Website: Remember to check the class pages regularly for newsletters, texts, updates and photos from work in class.

Homework: This will be sent home every Friday and is due in on the Wednesday of the week after. Homework will now be set by the class teacher and will be weekly. It will alternate between Maths and English.

Tuesday 13th September- Roald Dahl dress up day

Friday 23rd September- Jeans for Genes day

Friday 23rd September- Penguin Class assembly

Friday 30th September- School photographs

Friday 7th October- Zebra Class assembly

Friday 14th October- Halloween disco

Friday 21st October- Last day of term 1

Tuesday 1st November- Children to return to school for term 2

On The Way Home

Claire's day was going badly. She had grazed her knee so she set off home to tell her mum all about it.

On her way home Claire met her friend Paul. **"Look at my bad knee"** said Claire. **"How did you do it?"** asked Paul. "Well I was by the shops and all of a sudden a vast flying saucer came zooming out of the sky and tried to carry me off to a distant planet! But thankfully I struggled free just in time and crashed to the pavement. That's how I got my bad knee" said Claire.

Suddenly Claire met her friend Nick. "Look at my bad knee" said Claire. "How did you do it?" said Nick. "Well there was a huge crocodile with powerful jaws down by the canal! It came lumbering out of the canal and tried to pull me into the water. Luckily I found a piece of wood and crammed it into its mouth so it couldn't bite me. However it was so cross that it whacked me with its' tail and that's how I got my bad knee" said Claire.

After that Claire met her friend Robert. "Look at my bad knee" said Claire. "How did you do it?" said Robert. "Well there was a greedy green snake as long as a bus, near that tree over there. It came slithering out of a tree and wrapped itself around me and it squeezed and squashed! But I tickled it until it couldn't stop laughing and then it dropped me from a great height. That's how I got my bad knee" said Claire.

At last Claire arrived home and her mum opened their wooden door. "Look at my bad knee" said Claire. "How did you do it?" said her mum. "Well I was in the playground and I was having such fun when suddenly, suddenly.... I FELL OFF! Claire burst into tears. "Never mind we'll get you a plaster" said her mum. "Can I have the most enormous plaster please because I have hurt my knee very badly?" said Claire. "The biggest in the whole box" her mum replied.