

# Y2 Newsletter

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Don't be Late – Be on Time – School starts at ¼ to 9.

## Autumn 2016

We have two classes in Year 2, Class 5 and Class 6. The Class 5 teacher is Miss Spark and Miss Watson is the class teacher for Class 6.

Our teaching assistants are Miss Greenwood (class 5) and Miss Pawson (class 6).

Some pupils will work with Mr Cutter during English and Maths lessons.

Miss M<sup>c</sup>Teer will work with pairs of pupils during Maths. She will lead a maths intervention with pairs of pupils to ensure that all pupils reach their potential.

On Thursday afternoons pupils will work with Mr Smith for Music and with Mrs Williams for PE.

The school doors are opened each morning at 8:45am and parents and carers are welcome to bring their children into class, help them change their reading book and complete their reading record.

The register is taken at 8:55 am and any children arriving after this time should report to the school office.

At the end of the day the children will come out onto the KS2 playground at 3pm. We ask parents and carers to wait in the KS2 playground. Your child will then be let out of the door when we have seen an appropriate adult.

## Learning in Y2

### English

In the first half term, our focus will be poetry. We will be reading a range of poems and reciting them. After this, we will explore stories with familiar settings.

### Phonics

We will continue daily phonics teaching using the Read Write Inc Programme.

In Y2 we expect pupils to continue to apply their phonics knowledge and skills throughout the curriculum. Pupils will work in groups to match their ability in phonics. Progress will continue to be monitored closely and groups adjusted accordingly.

### Maths

In maths, pupils will be practicing their counting skills. We will be reading and writing numbers to 100. We will be practicing counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Pupils will learn how to use the empty number line to solve addition and subtraction calculations.

## Y2 Learning Contexts

### Autumn 1 Beachcombers

In our first learning context we will be looking at how beaches are formed. As part of our learning context we will be visiting **Teessmouth Field Centre on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. After our visit, we will design and make our very own sea creatures!

### Autumn 2 Street Detectives

After half term we will be exploring our community, identifying features that we like in our community and suggesting how our local environment could be improved.

### How can I help at home?

We ask that parents and carers support their child's learning in a number of ways:-

**Talk to your child** each day about what they have been doing at school, what they have learned and what they are looking forward to the next day.

**Support your child with their homework tasks.** Homework is usually sent home on a Friday and we ask that it is returned by the following Tuesday. Homework tasks are planned for you and your child to complete together. If you have any questions about the homework tasks set please ask your child's class teacher or TA.

**Listen to your child reading.** Pupils should change their book each day if possible.



## KS1 Reading Challenge

Our successful reading challenge will continue this year. The reading challenge rewards pupils who change their reading book and read on a regular basis.

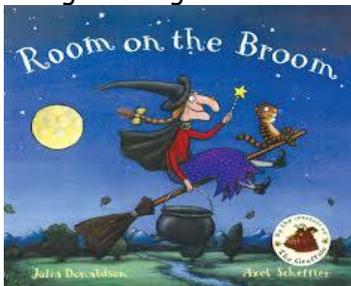
**Bronze Award - 25 books**

**Silver Award - 50 books**

**Gold Award - 100 books**

At each level pupils are presented with a certificate in assembly and receive a prize.

All pupils were provided with a blue book bag in Year 1 to use for their reading book and Homework and should continue to use this in Year 2. It is important that you record the title of the book your child reads and we encourage parents to write a brief comment. We will use this reading record to keep count of the number of books they have read for our reading challenge.



## Home - School Partnership

We value a strong partnership between home and school and believe that when this partnership is strong, pupils make the most of what school can offer.

Class teachers are available informally at the start and end of each day if you have any concerns or quick questions. Alternatively you may make an appointment to meet together at a mutually convenient time.



You will soon receive an appointment time for you and your child to come in to school to a **triangulation meeting**. The purpose of this meeting is to meet the class teacher and discuss progress and targets for the year.

These meetings are timed to take place in weeks beginning **19<sup>th</sup> September and the 26<sup>th</sup> September**.

We will be sending some important forms to be signed in the next few days. These give permission for your child to join in school trips and to have their photograph taken. Please return the signed forms straight away.

## PE Kits



Pupils will need their PE kit in school for PE with Mrs Williams on a Thursday afternoon.

In addition Class 5 have PE on a Monday morning with Mr Cutter and Class 6 have PE on a Tuesday morning with Mr Cutter.

Most pupils bring their kit to school in a bag and keep it in the box in the classroom so it is always available.

## How can I help at home?

It is important that your child has their PE kit in school. Please ensure that all PE kit is named as it easily gets muddled up when pupils get changed. Encourage your child to be able to dress and undress themselves for PE. Plimsolls or trainers with Velcro are ideal for outdoor PE. Pupils will take indoor PE barefoot. No jewellery is to be worn for PE. Please remove earrings on PE days.



- Please ensure that **all items of clothing are named** as uniforms, especially jumpers can easily get mixed up. Each classroom has a jumper box and pupils are reminded to place their jumpers in the box if they remove them.
- All packed lunch boxes should be named and placed on the trolley in the cloakroom at the start of the day. Y2 pupils are responsible for collecting their own lunch box at the start of lunchtime and replacing it on the trolley after they have eaten.
- It is very important that we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.
- We use text messages to remind you of things and to share good news stories about your child and their learning. Please make sure that the school office has your up to date mobile number.