

Autumn 1

Curriculum Letter

Friday 6th September 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer holidays! We have been delighted with the children's calm and settled start to the year and to see all the children so enthusiastic, confident and happy to meet old friends and make new ones in their Year 2 classes. We have a very committed and enthusiastic Year 2 team who will work together to achieve the best for your child. We would like to introduce you to the Year 2 team:

Woodpecker Class: Class Teacher: Miss Leggett Teaching Assistant: Miss Mantle

Fox Class: Class Teacher: Mrs Smith Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dunford

Badger Class: Class Teacher: Miss Innes Teaching Assistant Mrs Liddiard

On Monday 23rd September we will be holding a Year 2 curriculum evening, where we will discuss the Year 2 curriculum in more detail and offer ideas as to how you can support your child at home with their learning. It would be great to see you there!

Curriculum

This half term's topic is **Let it Grow** and through an integrated curriculum, we will be teaching English, Geography and Science. In English, the children will be writing stories based on Jack and The Beanstalk and instructions to grow a plant. In phonics, the children will be looking at different spelling patterns and investigating where digraphs come in words. In Geography the children will learn about physical and human features and create a map of the school playground using simple symbols. In science, the children will be looking at plants and learning about what they need to grow. On Tuesday 18th September, Year 2 will visit the Common during the morning. If you are able to help, please let the office know.



In Mathematics, the children will be learning about the properties of 2D shapes and learning about lines of symmetry. They will also be consolidating their knowledge of place value by partitioning two digit numbers in different ways. They will apply this to solve a variety of number related problems. They will be developing their mental strategies to add and subtract 1 and 10 from any number to 100. You may wish to support your child with this skill at home to help develop their speed.

PE

In PE this half term, the children will be developing their striking skills in hockey and learning the rules to play simple matches.

Listed below are the classes PE slots but please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times because your child may be taking part in sporting events on different days.



Woodpecker Class - Wednesday

Fox Class - Wednesday

Badger Class - Monday

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit, including plimsolls or trainers, in school each week and that all clothing is clearly named.

Library

Please ensure that your child has their library book in their book bags on library day. They will change them fortnightly.

Library times are as follows:

Woodpecker Class - Tuesday Fox Class - Thursday Badger Class - Monday



Spellings

The children will continue to learn more words which cannot be phonetically decoded. We will send home the 'common exception' lists so that children can practise spelling these during the course of the half term. They will be tested on Wednesday 9th October to see how many they can spell correctly. If your child can already spell these words, please encourage your child to write the word in a range of sentences.

Reading books

Most children will now be responsible for changing their coloured reading book independently so please remind your child to change it when they arrive at school in the morning before register when they have finished it. Please continue to sign in their reading book when you have listened to them read and ensure their reading diary is with them everyday. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Home learning

The home learning for this half term will be to make a map and use a key with symbols. We will be learning about maps in Geography and be making maps of the Common and the playground. Their challenge is to draw a map of a familiar area, such as their bedroom, their garden or of the local play area. Please see the attached letter for more information. Please may this be handed in on Friday 4th October.

Celebration event

The children are very excited about this topic and we hope you will be able to join us for our celebration event on Friday 25th October at 2.50pm to see some of the work. We will all be dressing up as plants and we will be sharing some of their work from the topic with you.



The Year 2 team recognises how valuable parental support is to children's learning and the school community. We are always extremely grateful for any additional time that parents are willing to give to the school. If you are interested in sharing books with children, teaching them some basic cookery skills, or working within the class on a regular basis to support groups of children in their activities, please talk to your child's teacher. We ask that you are able to make a regular commitment to help, and understand that we allow children a settling time until after half term before we will invite volunteers in to classes.

Many thanks for your continuing support,

The Year 2 Team

Woodpecker class: Miss Leggett

Fox class: Mrs Smith

Badger class: Miss Innes (Year Leader)