

Year 2 Newsletter No. 1

September 2015

We are delighted by the way the children have already settled in Year 2 and are both looking forward to an exciting and happy time with them. This is your child's last year as an infant and we hope to ensure that they continue to enjoy their time at school. Their happiness is our prime concern. It is however a step up from year one and the pupils will be expected to work more independently for longer periods. We are very aware of differences in pupils' abilities and will therefore plan to accommodate those needs whilst helping the children to work to their full potential. If you have any concerns about your child please let us know straight away so that any minor difficulties can be ironed out before they become too big. We are always available on the door at the end of the day should you need us.

This term's topic is "Healthy Us"

The children will be finding out how to live a healthy lifestyle and look after their bodies. In history they will be learning about some famous people from the past and the influence they have had on the way things are done today.

Labelling

Please make sure everything, especially coats and sweaters are clearly named so that they can be returned to their owners quickly and efficiently. Don't forget lunch boxes and drinks bottles too.

Independence

Most of the children are already coming in independently as they were last year. We expect them all to be able to do so by the end of the week. Any messages can be passed on via the door duty staff as we start work with the children at 8.30. The end of the day is usually a better time to 'have a quick word'

Reading

The Reading Challenge is up and running again this year with all the children on Challenge One of their journey around the world. This has been designed to support their learning of the continents and the oceans. Please listen to your child read as often as you can and get them to colour in the smiley chart in their reading book. Also it is helpful if you make a comment and a note of the page they are on next. Reading Roundabout still happens from Monday to Thursday and we are always grateful for as many of you as possible to support us then. Don't worry if you can't make a regular commitment – we like to see you when ever it suits you ☺

The New Garden and Outdoor Drama Area

You will notice we have started work on developing a new planting area outside the Infant Entrance. This will soon be planted with some suitable vegetables so we have asked the children not to play on that area before or after school. The same goes for the astro turfed steps/drama area. Please reinforce this for us so that we can keep these areas as smart teaching areas.

PE Days

2AB and 2GB - Tuesdays and Thursdays but subject to change on occasions. Black shorts, a white T Shirt and black plimsolls should be in school at all times.
Thank You