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## **YEAR 2 CLASS NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and enjoying an exciting and interesting year ahead. This newsletter is to inform you about our routines in Year Two.

Mrs Axford will be the full time class teacher and Mrs Didcock and Mrs Merrill will be our teaching assistants. Mrs D will teach all day Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

### **The School Day**

Children can arrive from 8.35am in the classroom via the main school entrance and must be there by 8.50am when parents leave and the children settle for registration. At the end of the day (3.10pm) the children will leave by the exterior classroom door when we can see who is collecting them. Please ensure we can see you from our doorway. If your child is being collected by someone else or is on the bus, there is a whiteboard section in the classroom for messages of this kind, please make sure your child knows what they are doing!

### **P.E**

P.E kit should be shorts, t-shirt and trainers for outdoor P.E. We always do indoor P.E in bare feet. If your child has a medical reason why they should wear plimsolls indoors, please put this in writing before the lesson. Long trousers/sweatshirts may be worn for outdoor P.E in cold weather. No jewellery should be worn in school at all and watches must be removed for P.E. Please try to bring a small bag for P.E kit as the pegs are closely spaced together. It should be taken home at the end of each week. Please ensure all P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name and is in school all week.

### **Book Bags**

We find the book bags to be a really useful means of communication between home and school so please do check them daily for letters/slips etc. If your child needs to change their reading book, you can do it with them at the start of the day or wait until Tuesday, when all pupils will change their book. do not change your child's reading level (sticker colour). Book bags should fit into trays and anything larger should be hung on pegs outside the classroom.

### **Homework**

Year Two are expected to read regularly at home and evidence of this should be in the reading record. Reading at school consists of shared texts, guided reading in groups and individual reading for home.

All children will receive homework books where all homework, except reading, will be detailed. A list of spellings for each week will be sent home at the start of each term. These should be practised regularly at home. Weekly spellings will be briefly tested each Monday. In addition to this regular work, there will be a piece of topic based homework roughly once a fortnight. Copies of homework/spellings will also be pinned on the class noticeboard. When all homework is complete, please put the book in the 'homework' red tray and it will be marked and returned after the deadline set. It may not be marked if handed in late. Homework hand in day is Monday.

### Timetable

A guideline of our weekly timetable is detailed below. PE times will usually stay the same but it is best to have PE kit in school at all times as the weather may affect PE times. Please note that this timetable may change for some weeks if there are other events/activities taking place in school.

YEAR 2 CHERRY CLASS WEEKLY TIMETABLE 2018-19

WEEK	9.00-10.00	10.00-10.20		10.40-11	11-12			1-2	2-3
<b>Mon</b>	MATHS	Collective Worship	P L A Y  A N D  S N A C K	Phonics Spelling test	ENGLISH	L U N C H  A N D  P L A Y	Q U I E T  R E A D I N G	P.E/hand writing	TOPIC
<b>Tues</b> book change day	MATHS	Handwriting and home work		Phonics	ENGLISH			TOPIC	Collective Worship
<b>Wed</b>	MATHS	Hymn Practice		Phonics	ENGLISH			P.E	R.E
<b>Thurs</b>	MATHS	Church collective worship		Phonics	ENGLISH			ART/TOPIC	
<b>Fri</b>	MATHS	Celebration worship		Phonics	ENGLISH			SCIENCE	COMPUTING

### Curriculum

The topics for Year 2 are listed below.

Term 1 Fighting Fit (Visitors into class)	Term 2 Light and Fire (Trip to Synagogue TBC)	Term 3 High in the sky (Trip to Science Winchester)	Term 4 Africa (Visitors in class) Term	Term 5 Woodland walks (Forest school)	Term 6 Green fingers (Trip to Earth Trust)
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This term our topic is 'Fighting Fit'. If you are a medical professional, have a new born baby or work in fitness/nutrition we would love to make use of you as part of our learning, do get in touch! General helpers in class are very welcome, if you would like to help in class please let us know. If you spot another topic which you may have knowledge, talents or resources for, please don't be shy, we love to involve you where possible. There is also a section on our noticeboard for any work children want to share from home, especially if you visit somewhere or follow up something we have learned in our topic.

### Healthy Living

Children must bring a named water bottle at school for the classroom. There are red trays in the classroom for these. Please label the bottles to avoid confusion. We take frequent water breaks throughout the day and the classroom bottle must contain still water only, no juice or fizzy drinks please. There will be no cups available so please make sure you take home, clean and return the bottle freshly filled with water each day. Year Two are still entitled to a piece of free fruit/veg every day as part of the '5 a day' scheme. We have this at morning playtime so there is no need for another snack.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We apologise for the long letter but hope it helps you to feel well prepared for the year ahead. Any questions please do ask, the best time to catch us is after school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Axford, Mrs D, Mrs Merrill and Mrs Didcock