

Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2017



Welcome to Year 2. We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer. The children in Year 2 are settling well in their new classes and have been getting used to the new routines.

Thank you for helping to ensure a smooth start to the school day by lining up promptly at 8.50am and standing away from the lines to wave to your child. We have an 'open door' policy so please don't hesitate to talk to Mrs Redfearn or Miss Matthews should you have any concerns about how your child is settling in to Year 2. The end of the school day is always the best time to catch us unless it's something urgent.

Once again, we really appreciate your support and cooperation.

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is 'Our Anlaby'. We will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study our immediate environment. This work will include a walk around Anlaby in the week beginning 25th September (weather dependent). If you are able to accompany us with the children on this "field trip" it would be much appreciated.

Please speak to your child's class teacher. After half term we will be studying the Arctic and Antarctic in our 'Polar Express' topic. As part of this work, we hope to visit 'The Deep' at the end of November to investigate some of the different animals that live in cold places. We will also find out about some global geography including locating the world's oceans and continents. This work will lead into our Christmas topic work based around the film 'Polar Express'. The last day of term is 'Mega Polar Express Day' and we would like the children to come to school in their dressing gowns and pyjamas.

Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading regularly with your child, even just a few pages each night. Please make a brief record of what they have read and indicate clearly if the book needs changing in their log. If your child would sometimes prefer to read their own books or library books, then please still make a note of these in the reading log.

Design Technology

We would be grateful if you could send cardboard kitchen roll tubes (not toilet rolls) to school as we will need them later on this term for a DT project.

PE

We are fortunate to have Hull FC coaches to teach PE in Year 2. Our timetabled PE lessons are on Thursday but other PE sessions will be scheduled as time permits. It is therefore vital that your child has an indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times. Indoor kits should include sandshoes, shorts and t-shirts. Outdoor kits should include suitable footwear such as trainers and warm tracksuits or hoodies and jogging bottoms. Girls who wear tights should have spare socks. All items should be clearly labelled.

Please ensure that children with pierced ears have tape to cover their earrings.

Homework

To link in with our science topic this half term we would like your child to carry out a 'mini beast hunt' in their gardens.

Their findings could be presented as photographs, drawings or a tally chart stating what they have found and where.

After half term, your child will bring home weekly maths problem solving activities. Please also continue to support your child with their number platforms.

Science

This half term we will be studying living things and their habitats. We will investigate minibeasts and their microhabitats as well as a variety of other habitats around the world. We hope to visit Normanby Hall in North Lincs before half term to support our science work.

After half term, we will continue to focus on different habitats and will find out about simple food chains. We will also learn the importance of caring for the environment.

Acre Spells

We will soon be starting our Acre Spells and your child will bring Y2 spellings home each week. They will receive 'smiles' when their spelling sheets are returned. Please encourage your child both to use the 'look, say, cover, write, check' table on the sheet and to complete their sentences. Some children will also bring home spellings from their work with Mrs Brady.

Please note that all visits are provisional and further details regarding all of our activities will be sent out in due course.

Thank you for your support.
The Year 2 Team.