Year 2
Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a lovely summer holidays. It has been wonderful to see the children arriving back to school so enthusiastic, smart and ready to learn! Mrs Maxfield and myself are very happy to be back and look forward to our new school year together.

Daily Timings

Year 2: Start time - 8.55

Morning break - 10.40-10.55 (Snack time)

Dinner time - 1-2pm

Afternoon break - 2.20 –2.35

Pick up - 3.20 pm

Talking to the Teacher

At this time, face to face discussions are not possible due to COVID-19.

If you do have any questions or you would like to discuss something with myself, please ring the school office to leave a message or make an appointment to talk to myself on the telephone.

Year 2 - P.E.

Our PE day this term is **Wednesday.**

Weather permitting - we will go outside for PE as much as possible in this first term, so please come with suitable clothing.

The children will need to wear the following items:

- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- A red t-shirt
- Black pumps/Trainers if outside
- A zip up tracksuit top or hoody

Earrings will need to be removed on P.E. days as staff are not allowed to remove a child's piercing.

Labelling each item of clothing will help if any pieces of kit get lost during changing time.

Inexpensive Trainers – we might get muddy!

Our first PE unit is Multiskills.

Reading

All of the children have been given a banded individual reading book. The colour banded books are carefully tailored to your child's current reading ability and they are designed to develop their fluency and confidence.

Please ensure that your child reads **at least four times** a week at home, ideally every night. This will build their fluency and confidence. After listening to your child read, please sign their reading records.

Water Bottles

Children are allowed to have water at all times at their desks. Please ensure the water bottle is plastic and filled only with water.

Please write your child's name clearly on the water bottle.

Please remember to bring in your own snack each day.

Digital Homework

Children will need your support to complete their homework online. Year 2 will be using different websites throughout the term.

Spelling Homework and extra games

Website : Spelling Frame - https://spellingframe.co.uk/

Website: Phonics Play - https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources

Expectations: Year 1 children should know phase 5 sounds ready to move into year 2 and Year 2 should start phase 6 (in a normal year!)

WEEKLY Spellings - Please check and support your child to learn them.

In Year 2, the children will be given a set of spellings to learn each week. These will be given out on Fridays. The spellings will usually relate to a spelling pattern or rule that they have been learning about in lessons. It is important that the children practise the spellings for the test on Fridays.

Phonics Screening Check 2020

Due to COVID –19 last year , children in year 1 did not complete the statutory phonics screening check usually carried out at the end of the year. The government have now set out a plan for children to undertake this check in year 2 - towards the end of Autumn term. Spellings and phonics work set as homework will be given out to support your child though this process. I will send out further information during the term.

Homework Overview

WB 14th September

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

Maths - number bonds to 10, 20 and 100

WB 21st September

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

English - Comprehension– reading quiz

WB 28th September

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

Maths - doubling numbers (doubles)

WB 5th October

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

English - Comprehension– reading quiz

WB 12th October

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

Maths- halving numbers (halves)

WB 19th October

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

English - Comprehension– reading quiz

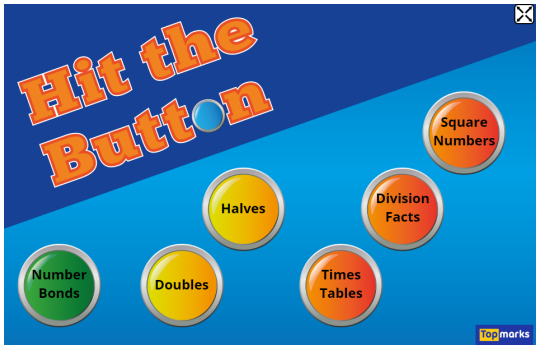
WB 20th October

Spelling - will be sent home Fridays

Maths - timetables 2x 10x check

Maths Homework - 'Hit the Button' website

Maths homework should take about 20 minutes each week and this term we are focussing on recalling number facts.



https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Using this website - children can learn

Number bonds to 10, 20 and 100

Doubling numbers

Halving numbers

Times tables

Year 1 expectations (at the end of year 1) children should know the 2, 5 and 10 x tables.

Year 2 (at the end of year 2) know also the 3x table.

Please try to do as much as you can, to build confidence.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Shaw and Mrs Maxfield