



TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Topic Newsletter - Year 2

Every child matters; every moment counts!

Explorers!



Dear Parents / guardians,

Welcome to our first Topic Newsletter of Year 2! I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and are just as recharged as the children for the start of another academic year. I feel that the summer has flown by, but I am sure you are as happy as I am to get back into a routine!

Miss Hart and I are really excited about getting to know everyone in our class (and freshly decorated classroom) in order to help them make some wonderful progress.

You may know that children will experience SATs for the first time in May 2020. Please do not worry as we can discuss this at Parents' Evening.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch either in the playground, via the school office or via email.

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Our topic until Christmas is 'Extreme Explorers'. This half-term will include:

English – Traditional Tales with a Twist where we will compare various traditional tales and create our own variation of a story. Additionally, we will be looking at instructional texts and create our own instructions, which an explorer would find useful.

Maths – Our main focus will be on Number and Place value. After this we will move on to: Length and Mass and Addition and Subtraction.

Science – We will explore Trawden to begin comparing the seasonal changes between Autumn and Winter.

History – We will be focussing on significant explorers such as Ibn Battuta, Christopher Columbus, Robert Falcon Scott and Neil Armstrong.

Geography – We will be comparing a non-European country (Kenya) to the United Kingdom.

Computing – Mr Irvine will be focussing on basic skills, which children will need to understand and use in Year 2.

PE – Burnley Football Club will be teaching games.

PSHE – We will be learning about the importance of hygiene and safety.

Music – The first song we will be singing is called 'Hands, Feet, Heart' to celebrate learn about South African Music.

Birthdays

Please join us with wishing the following children a huge 'Happy Birthday' as they turn 7 this half term!

Jayden

Isla

Freddie W

Lucy



Reading / Reading Books



Reading is extremely important to your child's education and children need to show they can read the words in a book and show their understanding of each book. **Please read with your child on a daily basis and ensure that they take home and bring in their yellow reading record and reading book on a daily basis.**

Every child will have the opportunity to read with Miss Hart, Mrs Stevenson (volunteer) or myself each week. When we have read with your child, we will write a short comment in their yellow reading record for you to see (providing they have brought it into school).

In Year 2, we will be changing reading books twice a week on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, providing a comment has been written in their reading record and children bring their books into the classroom. Please also *record any other books that your child has chosen to read* at home or the library to help us celebrate their love of reading.

Key Dates

Friday 13th September – Roald Dahl's Birthday
(Children can dress up if they want to)

Thursday 26th September – Non-Uniform Day
(Please donate cakes for Macmillan Coffee Morning)

Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning (9am – 11am)

Thursday 3rd October – National Poetry Day

Thursday 10th October – World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 15th October – Parents' Evening (early)

Wednesday 16th October – Parents' Evening (late)

Friday 18th October – School Closes

A REAL Extreme Explorer!

We have a REAL explorer (Mike Bedford) visiting our class this half term to talk about his experiences exploring caves and caverns. We will learn about the equipment he needed to survive in the extreme places!



Our Bucket List

Meet an explorer
Walk around Trawden
Make a catapult

Explore some woods
Have a pirate day
Bake or cook

Make sure you check our school Facebook Page or our class page on the website for photos of our learning.



PE

Children will need their PE kit in school every **Wednesday** for their lesson with BFC.

Please check the uniform policy on our school website to find out what is needed.

Book Bags

We **remind** children daily to bring letters to the teacher and ask on Mondays and Thursdays if they need their reading books changing.

However, we are trying to develop independence and encourage the children that **it is their responsibility** to remember what is in their book bag and if they need their reading book changed. Therefore, we generally do not look through children's book bags.