



Trawden Forest Primary - School Newsletter

Every child matters; every moment counts.

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to Year 2! We hope you have had a wonderful, restful break and managed to enjoy some of the sunshine. It has been fantastic to welcome 30 delightful children into Year 2, they have made a brilliant start to their learning and seemed to have settled in well.

This newsletter will outline our learning for this term, the routines that we will have and the topics for the remainder of the year. However, more detail about each subject can be found on our website.

We've also included a timetable to help as there are lots of things for you to remember too!

Throughout this year, we will continue to use Seesaw to share homework and various messages. In addition, we are continuing to use Seesaw as your child's reading record (see reverse of this for more information). Please use your child's new Seesaw login to access the new activities. I look forward to getting to know both you and your children more throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or catch us at the start or end of the day.

Miss Lambert, Miss Hart and Miss Gallagher.

Homework:



Tasks: Every Friday your child will be set homework on Seesaw/Times table Rockstars. Your child will be shown how to complete the task in class before attempting to complete it at home.

Spellings: We will share eight words linked to a spelling rule we have been practising in class for your child to learn each week. There will also be an additional two common exception words, which will not be linked to the spelling rule practised. There will be a spelling test the following Friday for children to show what they have learnt. All spellings will be added to Seesaw each week.

Reading: We are now using Bug Club Phonics to support our teaching of phonics and reading in school. We will use books linked to the sounds children have learned in phonics to practise and develop reading skills. At home the children are able to access these books and activities to further support their learning. Each week children will be allocated e-books to access and read at home. **These will be your child's main reading books and should be read during the week.** Each book has questions or activities to do with a yellow bug icon. The book will not be classed as completed until these tasks are done. Children will also be able to choose and take home books each Tuesday.



Learning:



Our first topic this half-term is 'Sensational Safari'. The children will learn about Kenya's weather, animals and landscape and will start to compare this to Trawden. Children will also learn about patterns and colours in African art and will have the opportunity to create various pieces of their own using the African art as inspiration. In science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats. Children will learn about how different animals adapt to their habitats. We will be using the school field to look for which animals use this as their habitat and will be making careful, scientific observations.

Please see our Curriculum Map on the website for further details of this and our learning throughout the year.

Reminders:

Water: Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water every day, labelled with their name, to keep them hydrated throughout the day



Uniform: Please make sure that all uniform is named.

Snack: They can bring in a healthy afternoon snack, which must be kept in their coat pocket, book bag or tray.

P.E kits: We will be doing PE outside as much as possible so please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for this. Their kit can remain in school for the half term.

Forest School: Please bring waterproof clothing and wellies on the Forest School dates (please see timetable below). This could be a waterproof all-in-one suit or separate waterproof trousers and coat. This will make it easier for the children to put on over their clean clothes and mean they will get changed quicker so have more time on in Forest School.

Book Bags: We aim to promote more independence in Year 2, so we no longer check book bags. Children will be asked daily if they have anything in them, however it is their responsibility to bring their books / letters into class.

Library and Reading Books: Please could you return any school books from last year as soon as possible.

Timetable/Key dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Books changed P.E			Spelling test Forest school Homework set

Forest school dates: Friday 16th September, Friday 23rd September, Friday 30th September, Friday 7th September, Friday 14th September.



On Monday 19th September, we will be exploring animal's habitats in the school field as part of our science topic. Therefore, could children either keep their wellies in school over the weekend or bring them back into school on Monday morning please.

Year Two topic titles

<u>Autumn One</u>	<u>Spring One</u>	<u>Summer One</u>
Sensational Safari 	Our Wonderful World 	Where in the World are We? 
<u>Autumn Two</u>	<u>Spring Two</u>	<u>Summer Two</u>
Our Local Heroes 	Majestic Monarchy 	The Greatest Explorers 