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Year 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parent,

Welcome back!

I hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and your children are looking forward to coming back to school. For some of you, it has been a long time since your child was back in school and I want to reassure you that school have everything in place ready to welcome all of our children back. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know some children before we broke up and it was a pleasure to see so many happy, smiley faces, I am equally looking forward to meeting the new faces. Year 2 is an extremely important year in your child's education but I can assure you that they will make amazing progress while having lots of fun along the way. Autumn Term has lots to offer and I am more than certain that your child will enjoy learning lots of exciting new things. This year, as you are already aware, I am the only Year 2 teacher and I am joined by Miss Hale who is working full time as our teaching assistant. Both Year 2 classrooms will be used this year to ensure that pupils learn in the best possible way and get the experiences needed to ensure this will happen. One classroom will be used as the teaching classroom and the other classroom is set up as a linked learning room. In the linked learning room, I have created lots of areas for your children to consolidate their learning and work independently on English, Maths and Creative Curriculum activities linked to our weekly learning.

Autumn Term Theme

Kings and Queen

Topic work this half term will focus on our History theme: 'Kings and Queens'. Our work will centre on our History theme, learning about different monarchs and famous people from the past. We have lots of exciting things planned including a 'Royal Afternoon Tea Party'. In English we will be looking at the story 'The Queen's Knickers' which is a popular children's book written by the famous Author Nicholas Allan. Our science work will include looking at: 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be looking closely at the local area to find out what creatures and animals live amongst us.

In DT, we will be looking at cooking and nutrition which we will be finding out how to keep our bodies healthy. This will also link to our PSHCE topic of looking at our physical health and well-being. Our RE topic work this term will look at how and why Christians care for each other, during this topic we will look at different religious stories.





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Due to recent events, Year 2 will not be going swimming during this half term but we hope for them to have their swimming sessions at some other point in the year. We will be completing an hour of PE every Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon and this will alternate between dance and ball games. Please make sure children have a white top, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes in school every Monday and Tuesday. Black tracksuit bottoms can also be worn during winter.

Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this terms 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last year's reading parties were a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those three weekly reads in!

School Trips

Due to recent events, we don't have an Autumn Term trip planned currently but I do aim to take the children out into the local area every few weeks to further our learning in school. More information will be sent out to you regarding this. Library visits will also take place at some point this term, again, more information will be sent out regarding this.

Homework

Homework in the Autumn Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and discuss them. Here's to a great first term!

Thank you,

Miss Price

