

P.E.

Class FN will take part in PE on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoon.

Children are to wear black shorts with a red t shirt. It is essential that all PE kit has you child's name clearly labelled and is in school for every lesson. All hair should be tied back for PE lessons and hairbands should be removed. No watches or jewellery can be worn for PE, they must be removed. Children can bring joggers/leggings/sweatshirts as some sessions will be outdoors.

Homework

Given out on a Monday Children to complete and hand in on a Friday

Each week children will receive

- Spellings 10 phonic words to learn to read and spell.
- 5 Key words to read and spell with a handwriting activity to complete.
- Mental Maths to learn.
- Mental Maths supporting activity.

Children will have a test of 10 words. This test will be made up of the 5 keywords and 5 words picked from the 10 phonics words.

Mental Maths and spelling test is each Friday morning.

Those children who do not hand in their homework, will attend homework club during break time on Monday morning.

Please see the front of the homework book for more detailed explanation on homework. However if you have any problems or would further explanation on homework please don't hesitate to come and see us and we will be happy to help out.

Water bottles are to be brought into school and labelled with your child's name. The children can drink their water during the school day as being hydrated aids a child's concentration. We have new water fountains in school which can only be used with a water bottle. Water bottles can be purchased from the office for 50p.

Medical

If your child needs any medication e.g. inhalers can they be brought in to school as soon as possible labelled with your child's name.

They can be stored safely and kept in school at all times. Please make sure you have another set to keep at home.

Please make us aware of any medical issues your child has so we can ensure they receive the appropriate care and attention they need.



Welcome to Y2

Autumn 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to Year Two!

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you had a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to working with your child and meeting you over next few weeks. Please pop over to introduce yourself and explain the arrangements for your child's drop off/collection from school so we can become familiar with the adults who will be collecting your child.

We are a job share (Mrs Lawson Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Coates Wednesday to Friday). We have been commended upon our excellent communication and handover with each other to ensure any issues regarding your child's education or welfare are dealt with quickly and efficiently so please pop in to see us with any issues. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Scott as our higher level teaching assistant who works in Year 2 every morning. We all look forward to working together to give your child an enriching year in Year 2.

Our topic for the first half term is going to be **Florence Nightingale** and in the second half term our topic will be **Katie Morag**. Please note the key points below and feel free to ask us any questions after school. We look forward to explaining more about 'life in Year 2' at our welcome meeting. We hope you can come along!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Typical day in Year 2

9.00-9.10—Register / Early bird activity (Mental Maths/Grammar exercises)

9.10-9.30—1:1 reading / Target time

9.30—10.30— English

10.30—Assembly

10.45—Playtime

11-12— Maths

12-1—Lunchtime

1-2—Topic/PE/Music/RE/Science/PSHE/Computing/Art

2.15- 2.45—Phonics

2.45-3.10—Reading & Handwriting

3.15— Home time

Uniform

Children are to wear a red cardigan or jumper on top of a white shirt or polo shirt. Trousers, skirts and pinafores are to be grey or black. Girls may wear red and white checked dresses and boys may wear grey or black shorts in warmer weather. Shoes or boots must be black. Please note that trainers are not an acceptable part of our school uniform. All clothing and shoes MUST be labelled with your child's name please.

Reading folder

Your child has their own folder. It is essential that this is in school **every day**.

Yellow Reading Record—Please comment on your child's reading every time you read.

Red communication booklet—Please send us any messages or questions you have that you are unable to communicate with us in the yard or after school.

Reading books We aim to hear every child read on a 1:1 basis at least once per week. We encourage you to support your child and read with them on a regular basis at home. Reading books will be changed regularly according to your child's progress. We value your comments about your child's reading. Please write any comments in the yellow reading log, feel free to let us know any books your child is reading alongside their school reading book. We encourage children in Y2 to become organised and responsible for their learning. Therefore when a child is ready for their book to be changed, they are to put their folder at the front of the class each morning so books can be changed. Please encourage your child to do this as it can take time to master!

Key words—please see the **front** of the red communication booklet for information about key words. Progress will be highlighted termly. We encourage you to continually practise reading and spelling of these keywords.

Space Math—Please see the **front** of the red communication booklet for your child's planet objective sheet.

Social Media

Our aim is to develop positive relationships and work in partnership with parents for the benefit of our pupils. We're committed to providing the very best for all pupils to enable them to develop both socially and academically. We acknowledge that there are times where parents may have concerns or worries and **will always work with you to resolve them**.

Social media is defined as any kind of tool that is used for sharing information, including blogs, photo sharing, Facebook, Twitter, mobile phone applications, texting and other programmes that give others access to your views and opinions. Sadly social media websites are being used inappropriately, however we welcome all constructive feedback and strive to build strong and productive links with families in our school community. The use of social media is not a helpful way to deal with concerns or complaints that you may have. Therefore we ask that any concerns you may have are made through the appropriate channels of speaking to us (Class teachers) or Mr Firth the Head teacher so they can be dealt with fairly and appropriately.

Therefore we remind you of our open door policy and look forward to working with you this year.