

# Year 2 Class Newsletter

## Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would just like to say a massive welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

I really hope that after our move up mornings, the children are as excited as I am to be starting their journey in year 2. Mrs Hill, the class' teaching assistant is also really happy to be working with your children again. Additionally, the children will be met with a familiar face of Miss Markillie, who after getting married this summer will be known as Mrs Moughton (congratulations!).

For the whole of Autumn term, we will be focusing on our first big question 'Is Exploring Important?'

Finally, I would just like to say that if you have any concerns or queries about anything that is happening in school, then please feel free to contact the office to arrange a meeting between us.

Miss Cope, Mrs Hill and Mrs Moughton.

## Maths

This term the children will be learning about place value, tens and ones and addition and subtraction. The children will be learning through lots of concrete resources, practical learning before progressing onto learning through pictorial representations.

## SATS

In year 2, we like to call SATS, 'Special Agent in Training Tests'. Throughout the year, we will be preparing to sit our SATS in Summer term.

## Is Exploring Important?

In order for the children to answer the big question, they will be learning about famous explorers and various ways that people can explore.

### History

In history the children will start by looking at the moon landing alongside the three famous explorers, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. Additionally, whilst learning about the moon landing, the children will also be comparing the recent space journeys that have been completed by Tim Peake and Wally Funk. The children will progress on to learning about Edmund Hillary and his journey up Mount Everest and Junko Tabei who was the first female mountaineer.

### Geography

Linking to history, the children will be learning about space before zooming in on Planet Earth. The children will learn about the oceans of the world, alongside the seven continents. The children will also learn to read maps and compasses in order to be explorers. Throughout the big question, the children will be exploring mountains and hills. They will learn about famous mountains including Mount Everest.

## Science

This term the children will be learning about living things and their habitats, animals including humans and the use of everyday materials. This year, science will be taught by Mrs Garner- she is really excited to be back and have the opportunity to teach the children again.

## English

English will be taught through both writing skills and Read Write Inc. For the first three weeks, the children will use the text 'The Colour Monster' to learn how to build and structure year 2 sentences. By the end of the third week, the children will have completed and edited their own version of the story through the point of view of the Colour Monster. In addition to this, the children will be placed within Read Write Inc groups where they will receive phonics learning daily. The children will be focusing on phonics throughout English in readiness for their Phonics Screening. This will be held in the second half of the Autumn term. The children will be completing this as part of statutory testing which was unable to be completed in year 1 due to the cancellation of all statutory tests.

## Reading Skills

Reading skills will be taught three times a week. This is an opportunity for children to not only improve on their fluency of reading and their comprehension of texts, but also their use of vocabulary. The children will be taught reading skills such as, how to make predictions, use inferencing to help understand the text and retrieve information from text to answer comprehension questions.

## Homework

As a school, it is an expectation that children are to complete homework to consolidate the children's learning. Homework will be set on the Year 2 Microsoft Teams on a Tuesday and it is to be handed in via email or through teams the following Monday. The email address is:  
[Whaplode.Y2@southlincs-hub.co.uk](mailto:Whaplode.Y2@southlincs-hub.co.uk)

## Reading

As part of the schools policy, children are expected to read at least four times a week at home. This should be recorded in their reading logs which have been provided by the school. Additionally, the children are also asked to bring their reading log and their book into school everyday, This is so that children are able to read to an adult and have their book changed on a regularly.

## Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday every week. The children will then be asked to complete their spelling test the following Friday. Spellings will be differentiated to your child's Read Write Inc group for the first term.

## PE

PE will be taught twice a week, with one of those taught by Miss King. We ask that your child is to come to school in their PE kit on the day of their PE sessions.

Our days are:  
**Thursdays and Fridays**

Your child's P.E kit should consist of a blue tee-shirt, black tracksuit/jogging bottoms, a non-hooded sweat shirt for safety reasons and suitable trainers.

If you feel that your child is unable to participate in PE on the day, please could you make either myself or the school aware.