

# 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 an awesome half term.

This term we will continue to focus on our first big question 'Is Exploring Important?' with our first session back being our WOW Day. Last term the children enjoyed the class reader 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. After having a class vote, the class reader for this term is 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. The class reader is read to the children by myself or another adult. This is a time for the children to sit back and enjoy a story together as a class.

Finally I would just like to say that we will be holding virtual parents evening this term, more details on this will be sent out via the office soon.

Miss Cope, Mrs Hill and Mrs Moughton.

## Maths

This term the children will be focusing on addition and subtraction and money. The children will be learning through lots of concrete resources and practical learning before progressing on to learning through pictorial representations. Throughout this term I will be sending home addition resources in order for children to meet their KIRF targets (Key Instant Recall Facts). I will also be sending out a parent information letter with more information on this.

## SATS

'Special Agent in Training Tests'  
Throughout this term, the children will start to see more question in their learning in the style of the SATs. This is to ensure the children have the opportunity to see question represented in various ways.

## 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.

### Geography

This term the children will be learning about Ed Strafford and his journey across the Amazon River before looking closer at the UK. The children will learn about the countries which make up the UK and a famous explorer called Alfred Wainwright. Whilst learning about Alfred we will also get the chance to recreate his pictorial guides for our own local area. Toward the end of term, the children will learn about famous landmarks around the world.

### Art

Linking to the big question, the children will have the opportunity to choose a landmark that they have learnt about and use clay to design and make their own.

### DT

During the WOW day, the children will be tasting various fruits and vegetables before designing their own Amazon Rainforest inspired salad to take with them on their virtual trip to the Amazon River.

## Science

This term Mrs Garner will continue teaching the children about living things and their habitats, animals including humans and the use of everyday materials.

## English

The children will continue to be taught phonics through RWI this term as well as through writing skills lesson. The children will be focusing on phonics throughout English in readiness for their Phonics Screening Check. This will be held in the second half of 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.

For the first 3 weeks, the children will be using the text 'The Great Explorer' which is linked closely to the big questions to learn about the writing genre of letters. After writing letters, the children will progress on to writing non-chronological reports.

## Reading Skills

Reading skills 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. In addition to whole class reading skills, the children have the opportunity throughout the day to read their independent reading book from the class reading corner. The children have really been enjoying having the time to read for pleasure.

## Homework

As a school, it is an expectation that children are to complete homework to consolidate their learning. Homework will be set on the Year 2 Microsoft Teams page 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 basis.

## 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.