



Year Two Newsletter

Mrs. Adams

Spring Term 4; 2022-2023



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to School after the half term holidays. I hope everyone has had a relaxing break. As always, we have a busy term ahead. We are continuing with our topic 'Coastline.'

This half term we will be focusing on Whitby in the Geography part of the topic. We will be looking at what Whitby was like in the past and the types of jobs people used to do.

We will be learning different joining techniques in DT and will be constructing our own mini beach huts. We will also be learning how to use a saw correctly to cut wood.

In Science we will be starting a new topic on Plants. This project teaches children about the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. They observe the growth of plants first-hand, recording changes over time and identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy.



Jumpers

Please make sure school jumpers/ uniform are clearly named. There are already lots of new purple school jumpers without names in. There are 90 children in EYFS/ KS1, so it is difficult to match un-named jumpers to their owners.

Personal items

Please ensure children do not bring toys or personal items into school. Things inevitably get broken/ lost and this can cause upset.

Homework

I will continue to send a paper copy of the homework home in bookbags on Friday's and will put a copy on Class Dojo.

When I set the Mathematics homework, I always put completion dates for the end of the school year. The Mathematics homework links to the work we have been covering in school, so it is very important to complete it, as it is great extra practise to consolidate understanding. If you have outstanding Mathematics homework, please make sure you complete it. This part of the homework is included in the 'minimum expected homework' your child should be completing each week.

Please remember to mark off in reading records each time you have heard your child read. It is important we know that children are completing the 5 minutes reading practise each night as part of their expected minimum homework.

Reading

I am pleased with how reading is progressing in Y2. Children are becoming so much more fluent with their reading. In preparation for the KS1 SAT's, which the children will be completing in May, we now need to build up reading stamina. Please encourage your child to read more and continue with a good level of fluency. We are working on comprehension and gathering evidence from the text they are reading. Please ensure you ask your child more detailed questions about their text, such as 'what word in the text means the same as...?' 'Why do you think the character did/ said that?' Can you retell the story to me in 4 sentences? etc.

I have attached a bookmark with some different questions you can ask your child to help them with their comprehension development.

Reading folders

Please take care of RWI reading books and bookbag books. We only have 10 copies of each book in school and they are very expensive to replace. It is important to keep books in reading folders when in book bags to protect them from water bottle spillages etc.

Please remember to bring reading folders into school on Thursday each week so books can be changed.

Parents Evening

The two Parents evening dates are **Monday 6th March and Wednesday 8th March**. Appointments can be either face to face or by phone call.

If you require a phone call appointment, please could you include the phone number you wish to be contacted on, on the reply slip.

I will try my best to give you an appointment in the time slot you require, but please mark on all the timeslots over both days you would be able to attend on the parents evening slip. This makes organising everyone's appointment time much easier.

P.E

This term, PE sessions will be on Monday afternoon and Friday mornings. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered for PE sessions.

There are no forest school sessions for year 2 this half term. Our forest school sessions will begin again after the Easter holidays.

Class Dojo

Please ensure all absences and appointments go to Miss. Moody in the school office, not sent to me on Dojo. I only check Class Dojo at certain points during the school day so if there is something that requires an immediate response, please contact the school office. School policy says teachers will respond to messages on Class Dojo between the hours of 8am and 5.30pm. Out of these hours, messages will go onto 'quiet hours.'

KS1 SAT's

In May the children will be completing the end of KS1 SAT's. There are reading and maths papers to complete. Y2 SAT's will be much more informal than those in KS2. Your child's SAT's results will be sent out in their end of year school report. I will load a PowerPoint onto Dojo shortly giving more information about these tests and what to expect.

Water Bottles.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, so they have access to a drink when they need one. They can bring any water bottle into school, it doesn't need to be a school one.

Pencil cases

Children may bring a small pencil case into school if they wish. Pencil cases must be the size to fit in drawers as there is no other storage.

Pokémon Cards

Children can bring their Pokémon cards in on Friday's. Friday's are when KS1 children go in the KS2 playground during breaktimes so is a perfect opportunity for 'swapping.'

Contact

If you have any concerns or questions, please email, Dojo or wait to speak to me at home time once children have been dismissed.
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