

Year 2 Newsletter

July 2020

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into Year 2 and inform you about the exciting Autumn term ahead. The teachers working in Y2 this year will be **Miss Watson, Miss Taylor, Miss Lewis** and **Mrs Forsyth**. We are fortunate enough to have Mrs Adams, Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Heighington and Mrs Hartley supporting us.



Our first topic for the year will be...

'Step back in time'

During the first term, our Learning Journey will be both interesting and inspirational as children will find out about the lives of influential famous people who have change the course of history.

Leading on from our Science learning about animals and humans, discovering how to stay fit and healthy, we will learn about Florence Nightingale and her historical influence on hygiene and medicine. We will then compare the work of Florence Nightingale with Mary Seacole and how their changes remain in the hospitals today. In Reading we will begin to look at answering comprehension questions and in Literacy we will focus on sentence structure and using grammar correctly.

Home Learning

We ask you to continue reading with your children regularly. This is key in helping children to progress with their reading skills. In Year 2, it is important to ask the children questions about what they have read and ask for their opinions about the plot, characters or setting. Children will receive home learning every Friday which will be due in the following Thursday, so that it can be marked. Children will also be sent home with key spellings on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Some children will be using Spelling Zappers as we find these really support the children with their Literacy learning and would ask parents to support this learning at home as well.

Timetable

The school day begins at 8:40, when the teaching staff will collect children from the yard. All children must wait on the yard to be collected by their teacher unless it is raining heavily, then the teaching staff will collect the children early, at 8:35. Parents must not follow classes into the school building but leave their child at the lining up spots on the playground.

The children will be taken to the drop off area at the end of the day and sent to their parents/carers who will be visibly waiting for them.

What do children need everyday?

- ☺ Indoor PE kit (plimsolls, shorts and house team t-shirt) and Outdoor PE kit (tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers) to be in school from Monday to Friday. Children with their ears pierced must remove their own earrings before taking part in P.E. Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Thursday**.
- ☺ Book bag with reading book and home school journals daily
- ☺ Drinks bottle with water
- ☺ Coat

Please do not send your children to school with a rucksack or pencil case.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions about what happens in Y2 or your child's progress (the best time to catch us is after school). We are looking forward to working with you all.