

Year 2 Class Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome Back ☺

I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and the children are looking forward to the summer term in Year 2. Our topic this half term is '**Where is Woodstone?**'. Please check out our topic web on the school website to find out more about what we will be learning over the next few weeks. Please remember the full payment for our residential visit to **Sherwood Forest** needs to be made by **Monday 2nd May**. You can find more information about this trip, which takes place on **Thursday 9th June**, under the Year 2 tab on our school website.

As always, please do not hesitate to come and see me either before or after school or leave a telephone message with the office for me to give you a call back should you have any questions or queries. Alternatively, you can email me using our class email address 'year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk' and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set every **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**. This will include one piece of maths homework which will be stuck into your child's homework book and 10 minutes of times tables games using the TTRS programme.

In addition to this, individual spellings are written in children's reading diaries.

Children are encouraged to practise spelling these words (using their chosen method) on a separate piece of paper at home.

Reading

Reading has a huge impact on children's development therefore, we ask for parents to read with their children five times per week in order for them to reap the full benefits. Children will receive a sticker and be entered into our weekly reading raffle for reading 5 times for around 10-15 minutes per week. If children read less than 3 times a week, we will give them the opportunity to complete some reading during their golden time on a Friday afternoon. Please note, tricky words and spellings are not counted as one of the 5 reads. To help children gain a better understanding of what they are reading, please use the VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain and retrieval and sequence) question stems to ask children questions about what they have read. You will find a Reading Canine Bookmark in your child's reading diary which contain lots of example questions. You can read more about the Reading Canines on our school website under the 'Year 2 resources' tab on our class page.

PE

This term we will be focussing on **athletics** in PE. These lessons will be on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Children will need their **indoor and outdoor PE kit** for these lessons which include black pumps, outdoor trainers, black or Navy shorts/jogging bottoms, a Navy or white t-shirt and a jumper/hoodie. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled and long hair is tied back.

Children will need to remove their earrings for the lesson - we cannot assist with this.

Website

Please remember to regularly check our class page on the school website to see what we have been up to in school. You will also find our Topic Web for this term and previous terms under the 'Curriculum Overviews' tab.

SATs

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Year 2 SATs meeting. We are planning to complete these assessments the week beginning 16th May. Please see the Year 2 class page on the school website for more information about these assessments.

Forest School

Year 2 children **do not** need their Forest School kit this half term. These sessions will resume after the half term break.