

Autumn Term Newsletter



Year 2 Cuckoos

Welcome back to school after the six weeks holiday! We hope that you have had lots of fun and are ready to work hard at school again! We thank all of the parents and carers who have made sure their children have book bags and PE kits. PE days are **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit on these days and has a pair of pumps in a labelled bag in school. Please also ensure that your child does **not wear earrings** on PE days. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Our Learning

Our History topic for Autumn 1 is 'How was school different in the past?'

Our Geography topic for Autumn 2 is 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or a cold place?'

Homework

Your child will be given a piece of homework to complete every week. This may be a sheet of English, maths or work from another subject to complete at home. This should be labelled with your child's name and returned to school on a Thursday. New homework will be given out on Friday. Children will also be given spelling homework every week and will be tested on these words. Your child will be able to access games to accompany the word lists on Spelling Shed which can be found online. More details of this will follow. Spelling tests will take place every Tuesday afternoon.

Money and snacks

Please send toast money, £1 for the week with your child. If your child does not have a piece of toast, they will be given a variety of fruits to choose from. Please also make sure your child has their own water bottle in school for them to refill during the day. If you would like your child to have a carton of milk at playtime, please speak to the school office.

Our Learning

Our Science topic for Autumn term is materials. We will be learning about the different properties of materials and exploring their suitability.

Reading and Writing

It is essential that your child reads for 10 minutes each day at home with an adult. Your child will come home with two reading books, one that links specifically to their phonics/guided reading sessions and the other a levelled home reader book. **It is very important that your child brings these books to school every day so that staff can also hear them read.** Reading books will be changed every Friday. Your child needs a suitable book bag or packet (not a rucksack) in order to keep their reading books and learning log safe. These books must be looked after and brought back to school so that your child can change their reading books and hand in homework. Book bags are available to buy from the school office. **Please note that if reading books are lost there will be a small charge to replace them.**

PSHE

This term our PSHE units are called 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating differences'. In these topics we will be discussing how families are different and appreciating that differences are good and they make us all unique. Children will learn to respect differences and understand that the way they live their lives might be different from how their friends live theirs.

If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hine-Smith and Miss Cook