

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

YEAR 2 CUCKOOS



Dear Parents,

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to welcome you to Year 2. It is brilliant to have all the children back and I hope you had a lovely summer. Congratulations to the children for working very hard in Year 1 and I have every confidence that they will continue to do so. Year 2 will bring new challenges and exciting opportunities for the children. It is important that together we encourage them to approach everything they do with a positive attitude. The children will be working with Mrs Maddock, Miss Begum and myself. We wish them all a happy and successful year.

Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be covering the following areas; place value, addition, subtraction and shapes. We will also be practising our arithmetic and problem-solving skills each week and working on our 10 and 2 times tables.

English

In English, we will be reading different texts and our writing pieces will be based around these texts. Alongside our work on our class novels, we will continue to practise our comprehension skills, handwriting skills, learn and practise spellings and improve our grammar.

History

Our History topic for Autumn 1 is '**How was school different in the past?**' During this topic, the children will explore what school was like for children in the past and compare it with their experiences today.

Geography

Our Geography topic for Autumn 2 is '**Would you prefer to live in a hot or a cold place?**' The children will explore different parts of the world and investigate what it is like to live in hot and cold environments.

Science

Our Science topic for Autumn term is materials. We will be learning about the different properties of materials and exploring their suitability. The children will also continue to learn and carry out different types of scientific enquiry.

Reading

Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading book and record. Please ensure the reading record is signed regularly and is kept in your child's book bag.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning about 'My Healthy Self: How can we look after our bodies?' They will explore the importance of making healthy choices, including eating a balanced diet, staying active and looking after their physical and emotional wellbeing. The children will learn simple ways they can take care of themselves and develop healthy habits for everyday life.

P.E

On Tuesday afternoons, the children will have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on this day. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named.

Uniform

Please check all items of your child's uniform, coats and bags are clearly labelled to help them become more responsible and independent.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Friday. Please ensure your child practises their spellings at home. These will increasingly be linked to a particular spelling pattern or rule each week and it is important that the children recognise this to further their understanding of spelling and grammar. We will also send Maths homework, often.

YEAR 2 PUPILS

During your time in Year 2 we will expect you to:

- ◆ Always put in 100% effort.
- ◆ Aim to have 100% attendance (research shows that there is a direct link between fantastic end of year results and extremely high attendance).
- ◆ Be kind and considerate to everyone.
- ◆ Do your homework to a high standard and hand it in on time.
- ◆ Read every night with an adult at home.
- ◆ Practise your spellings.
- ◆ Look after your own things.
- ◆ Make sure you wear the correct uniform with the appropriate footwear.

Do these and you will SOAR!

Finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns, please feel free to catch us in the morning before school or at the end of the day. Mrs Maddock and I are very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with us more privately, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. We look forward to a successful year of learning and love!

Mrs Hine-Smith, Mrs Maddock and Mrs Begum