



Year 2 Half Term 1 Newsletter



A huge welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a fantastic Summer break and are as excited about the new school year as we are. This year, the Year 2 Team will be: Miss Neave, Miss Attack, Mrs Smith, Mrs Chappell and Miss Webster, with Mrs Harrison replacing Miss Neave shortly.

Our Topics

- **Maths** - We will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction facts and skills. Please support your children at home by using the free White Rose Maths: 1minute maths app.
- **Writing** -Writing will be taught through themes. This half term we will be 'Writing to Entertain'. We will be focusing on writing character and setting descriptions using capital letters, finger spaces, correct spelling, and punctuation.
- **Reading** - our focus will be reading with fluency, basic retrieval and understanding the text that they have read.
- **Other exciting learning taking place this half term:**

How can materials change shape?

Science

Which continents and oceans make up the world? Geography

How can we make good choices? RE

Dance and Invasion Games: Hockey in PE

Who was Mary Seacole? History

Exploring simple patterns in music

Online safety and Privacy Secrets in Computing and PSHE.

Exciting! We will be taking part in a fun and engaging morning with The Institute of Imagination. Session 1 will be Junk Bots, where children will build their own junk bots using recycled materials and hobby motors. This links to Science, Electronics, DT and Art and Design.

Contact



Class Dojo - Class updates and notices, general enquiries, and facility to message class teacher.



School Jotter

School Jotter App - Main whole school updates, for example: special lunches, cancelled clubs, and letters.



Whingate Website - Curriculum information and guidance.

Homework

Homework is paramount to consolidating learning from school and gives chance to practise skills and develop confidence.

- o All homework is due in on a **Monday**.
- o Bookbags will be given back out on a Tuesday.

NB: If your child's reading record is not signed or returned on time, then homework and books may not be able to be replaced until the following week.

Additionally

In addition to the weekly spelling, maths and reading, children have access to some fabulous online learning tools where they can practise skills. Keep a look out for the logins that we will send home. Children will also be tested on their 10 times table and division facts weekly, moving onto 2s, then 5s after. They will be awarded certificates for this in Friday's Star Worker Assemblies.

PE

- Earrings **MUST** be removed on PE days.
- If your child wears the incorrect kit, they will be asked to change into spare kit. Two consecutive sessions without kit, will mean that they miss 10mins of their playtime. **Kit can now be purchased from the school office.**
- Please leave kit in school for the full half term.
- Support your child to dress and undress independently.

Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Monday	Wednesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ black/navy shorts (not branded) ✓ a plain white t-shirt (no logos) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ black/navy jogging bottoms (not branded) ✓ a plain white t-shirt (no logos) ✓ a black/navy hooded jumper (not branded)

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 13th September. Year 2 Parent Meetings 9 - 9.30am and 2.30-3pm.
- Friday 27th October, school closed for a training day.