

Red and Yellow Class 2019-2020

Welcome to Year 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! Following our fantastic transition day we are really looking forward to working with the children next year. We have decided to send out our Term 1 newsletter now so that you can help your child to prepare for life in Year 2 over the summer holidays.

Behaviour and Rewards

In Year 2 we will be using Class Dojo alongside our behaviour ladders and gold book behaviour system. Children will still have the opportunity to move up the behaviour ladder, have their name written in the gold book and earn afternoon tea with Mrs Lewer. In addition to this they will also have the opportunity to earn positive Class Dojo points for all of the wonderful things that they do throughout the day. For every 100 points that a child earns they will earn a 'dip in the box'. Children can also lose points for making bad choices but we are sure this will be a very rare occurrence next year.

Home Learning

Reading - It is very important that your child reads as regularly as possible to develop their fluency. It is also important that they do not only read independently but also sometimes have the opportunity to discuss their book with an adult who can ask them questions and help them to develop their comprehension. Children who read regularly at home always make the most progress with their reading in school so we really value your support in this area. In Year 2 the children will be given time every day to independently quiz (if appropriate) and change their books and they can do this as many times during the week as they want to. Teachers and teaching assistants will only write in your child's contact book if they have read with your child. If your child has changed their own book we will not make a note of this, we will just expect them to bring the book back before they can swap it for another one.

Spellings - Every week we will send home spellings for the children to learn and we will have a spelling challenge every Friday. There will be a choice of 1 Star and 2 Star spellings. The children only need to learn one set of spellings but please ensure that your child is challenging themselves.

Optional homework - We will also send home a reading comprehension, some writing paper and a maths task every week in the children's busy folders. We **do not** expect the children to complete all of this homework, we just want to provide you with some options if your child wants to practise something that we have been working on in class this week.

For every piece of homework that your child completes and for every time you write a comment in their contact book to show that they have read at home, they will receive a positive dojo point. Children can show their contact books and/or busy folders when they arrive in the morning any day throughout the week.

We have attached some Year 2 Summer Holiday Challenges. For every challenge that your child completes they will receive 1 dojo point in September.

Our cloakrooms in the Year 2 area are very small so can children please just bring in a book bag which will fit in their trays and a drawstring bag for their PE kit/forest school clothing. Please do not bring in rucksacks.

'Land Ahoy'

In September our topic will be 'Land Ahoy'.

Below is an overview of how our topic will link with the rest of the curriculum.

In **English** we will begin by writing a recount of our summer holidays. Then we are going to be exploring the book 'Captain Beastlie's Pirate Party'. We will be writing a character description of a pirate and we will be writing some pirate rules.

In **Whole Class Guided Reading** we will be reading the book 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and completing some comprehension activities based on this book.

In **Maths** we will begin by looking at place value and we will be learning how to partition 2-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones. We will then move onto learning how to add and subtract 2-digit numbers using an empty number line.

In **Science** we will be focusing on ourselves. We will learn about the needs of humans for survival and how we change as we grow into adults.

In **PE** our focus is going to be travelling and moving with equipment. PE will take place on a **Wednesday (Red Class) and Tuesday (Yellow Class)**. Please ensure your child has a complete named PE kit in school and ensure that earrings have been removed and long hair is tied back on these occasions.

In **RE** we will be looking at how Christians and Jews think we should care for the world.

In **Art** we are going to be making some pirate flags using paint and colouring pencils as well as the computer.

In **Computing** we will be exploring e-safety and we will remind children about how to use technology safely and respectfully.

In **History** our focus will be famous pirates such as Edward Teach (Blackbeard). We will be learning about the life of pirates and comparing them to our own.

In **Geography** we will be looking at treasure maps and we will have a go at making our own maps. We will also learn the names and locations of the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

In **Music** our focus will be our harvest performance (more information to follow closer to the time).

Our focus for our **Forest School Inspired Learning** will be **DT** this term. As well as continuing to be able to choose what they would like to focus on during our Forest School Inspired Learning time, the children will also be designing and making some pirate ships using materials that they can find outside. This will take place every **Monday morning** in both **Red Class** and **Yellow Class**. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing (waterproof coat, jumper, top, trousers) and footwear (wellingtons, boots or trainers) in school.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy your last couple of days in Blue and Purple Class.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Kreiselmeier, Mrs Espadas, Miss Seymour and Miss Croker

Name: _____

Year 2 Summer Holiday Challenges

1 Challenge Completed = 1 dojo point

<p><u>English</u> Write a diary about your favourite day.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Read at least one book a week.</p>
<p><u>Maths</u> Practise telling the time.</p>	<p><u>Eco</u> Turn the lights off and read by torchlight.</p>
<p><u>Music</u> Learn a new song.</p>	<p><u>Art/DT</u> Be creative, create something for your bedroom.</p>
<p><u>History</u> Find out one fact about your family's history.</p>	<p><u>Geography</u> List all of the places that you visit during the summer.</p>
<p><u>Science/Forest School</u> Go on a bug hunt.</p>	<p><u>PE</u> Complete the mile a day at least once.</p>

I confirm that my child has completed the crossed out challenges.

Signed: _____