



Year 2, Purple Class, Spring Term Newsletter

17th January 2020

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Ahead of us, is another busy and exciting term. We hope that the children will be equally excited about everything we have planned for them!

Curriculum

Our main topic this term is Up, Up, and Away. Please see the attached curriculum overview for the term ahead. The children are particularly interested in Space so we have started there and will then explore flight in general. Please feel free to bring in books, leaflets or other items relevant to our topic. If children do independent learning at home we would also like to see that. We have planned a trip connected to the topic: more details regarding this will follow soon. In Maths we will be concentrating on Statistics, Recording and Problem Solving in Addition and Subtraction, Time, Multiplication, Division and Times Tables. In English we will use the theme to explore poetry, stories with repeated language, reports, and using familiar stories to write new ones.

Library and Reading books

The children love visiting the library where they are all encouraged to have one information book and one story book each to enjoy reading with family at home. You are welcome to change these with your child mornings and afterschool, and they also have weekly visits to the room each week as a class.

Since the library has been in place, we have found that so much choice has challenged Key stage 1 free readers to find books suitable to their reading level and understanding. Free readers are therefore going to choose their main independent reading book from a selection of chapter books in the classroom and sunshine room. All children will therefore be able to have three books to at home.

The children will also have regular opportunities to read to an adult this term and can change their reading books as often as they wish. We would like children to begin taking more responsibility for changing their own book independently this term. Children will **need to bring their book bag and reading record every day**. It is really important in Year 2 that children continue to be reading at home everyday with an adult or older sibling.

Family Reading

As it will be a short term we will have Family Reading twice this term. We ask parents/ carers or relatives to join us at the end of the day **(2:50pm-3.15pm)** on the Friday 7th February and Friday 6th March 2019

Home Learning

Home learning activities will be given out weekly on a Wednesday. Children will need to complete a spelling and mathematics activity. This will need to be returned the following Wednesday. We may also give optional home learning tasks related to our topic.

PE

We continue to do the daily mile—in most weather! PE will be on Mondays (dance) and Wednesday (gymnastics). Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school all week as PE days do occasionally have to change. PE kit includes: a green and white PE top (ordered from Stevensons) or a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black/navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and trainers/plimsolls (to change into). **Please ensure all PE kit and uniform is named.**

Health and Wellbeing

As part of our PSHE focus we continue with our weekly teaching and regular circle times. This will support the children in developing their communication, good team work, social negotiation and turn taking. We also continue to provide additional support at lunchtimes. Children can choose to take part in adult led games and activities, many being excellent role models for their peers.

Assemblies and performances:

Year 2 will be sharing a class assembly on Thursday 30th January. All parents/ carers are welcome to come along and watch. The assembly will start promptly at 9:15.

If you want to speak to us about anything, please do not hesitate to come into school; the end of the day is usually the best time. Finally, we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all of you and your children for making our first term so enjoyable and for all your support. Best wishes for the term ahead,

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