

## YEAR 2 - CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2023

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To Prime Parents of: 

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# Year 2 Class Newsletter— Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you have all had a restful Summer break and are ready for the new term in Year 2. It was lovely to meet the children during transition day, which provided them with an insight into life in Year 2. This newsletter will outline daily routines, information about PE and home learning. There will be a welcome meeting in our classroom on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30, which will also cover this information.

The beginning and end of the day procedures consists of the gates opening for all children at 8:45am before closing at 8:55am. The children will come in through the gate and line up on the playground ready to be collected by Year 6 children and taken to their classroom. At the end of day, all children who are being collected from school (who are not on the bus) will leave school by the gate at 3:30pm.

The children will continue to be taught by sports coaches for PE this year. PE lessons will be on **Thursday** and **Friday**. Children are required to come into school on these days in a full PE kit, which consists of a navy blue or plain black hoodie/sweatshirt, plain navy or black shorts/joggers, a plain white t-shirt and black trainers. PE hoodies are only to be worn on these PE days or days in which children attend a sports club, but not as part of our full school uniform. Children should bring a water bottle and book bag to school. We do not have space to accommodate rucksacks and if brought to school they will be stored outside the classroom.

In English we structure our teaching sequences around a focus text. These texts are carefully chosen to familiarise children with a range of text types as well as to cover the curriculum. Each sequence will follow a similar structure and will encompass the teaching of punctuation, grammar and spelling. The children will also develop their ability to respond to a text in written and spoken contexts to build their love of reading. This term, the children will develop their prior knowledge of significant individuals to structure a mini biography. In class we will be focusing on developing the children's oracy skills. This has proven to have a big impact on children's spoken and written learning, as well as developing their ability to communicate efficiently in class discussions. In Maths, our learning sequences last a few weeks and will include practical and written tasks. Our lessons will be interactive, hands on and include lots of discussion and problem solving. The children will regularly revisit prior learning which enables frequent consolidation of previous topics, therefore allowing us to build on or recap it if necessary. We will begin the term by exploring the place value of two-digit numbers up to 100.

There are a range of ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Reading is of paramount importance in terms of underpinning reading, writing, spelling and understanding of the world. If possible, it would be fantastic if you could read with your child 5 times a week, however I do understand that this is not always doable. Any time that you can read with your child is valuable. Your child will have a coloured home reading book which will be changed on a weekly basis and a book from our book corner to develop a love of reading. You can read either of these with your child and write this in their reading record book. For every 5 times that your child reads, they earn a sticker. The children who earn the most stickers each half term will earn a prize.

At the beginning of each half term there will be a grid of weekly spellings which the children will be quizzed on every **Friday**. The lists will include the Year 2 common exception words and spelling patterns learned in class. In the first week, the children will have a spelling assessment. This will generate the spellings to learn and highlight areas to recap. At the end of the first week of the Autumn term, the termly grid of spellings will be emailed to parents.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the new eSafety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

Message books will continue to be used this year. Staff in school will use them to let you know of anything that may have occurred in the school day. If you have any queries or questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

There is a Year 2 Welcome Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm. Please do attend for more information and do not hesitate to ask should you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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