



Autumn 1 Information for Parents



Class 2 Miss Goodchild

Date: 7^h September 2018

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, I hope everyone is well and raring to get back into the school routine. I am looking forward to my continued Y2/3/4 adventure; we have a busy term ahead!

Class Routines

In Class 2 I will be starting with high expectations of the children both in attitude and learning. We have a very busy time-table, especially with swimming this term. Mondays will remain our Sports Coach day and Class 2 will keep the first session but this **year I would like children to arrive in PE kit with uniform in a bag**, it means we save time and can get a spelling/phonics session in at the beginning of the day. Our other PE session will be swimming on Thursday mornings, please make sure children have their swimming bags with them. Miss Wilkie will take the class on Wednesday afternoons to cover PSHCE and ART/DT. She will also take the class Monday afternoons for outdoor learning and French whilst I undertake leadership and SENDCo duties. If you wish your child to change their shoes for outdoor learning please send them with wellies or old trainers they can hang on their peg.

Punctuality is essential; the teaching day begins at 8.50 and this is when I begin lessons so children really should aim to be in class by 8.45; doors open at 8.40 giving children plenty of time to register at the beginning of the day. Arriving after lessons have begun puts pressure on your child to rush to complete their learning. If you need to speak to me please come in at 8.40 I am unable to chat once lessons begin, however Thursday mornings this half term and Tuesday mornings next half term I will be on the gate so you can catch me there.

Reading

Reading takes place daily at school, whether your child is reading his or her reading book to an adult, reading a library book, reading as part of a guided reading session with the teacher or reading as an intrinsic part of daily lessons. However, it is also essential that children read regularly at home as well. Children should be aiming to read about 4 times a week at home; those children who do read at home make much better reading progress. When you hear your child read at home, please note the details in the home school book or Y3/4 could do it themselves for an adult to initial/sign.

Home-School Books

Please remember books should be in school **daily** this helps us send messages home and also record reading. As I will not see everyone's book on a daily basis, if there is a note for me then your child must be aware that he/she needs to bring it to my attention or I may miss it.

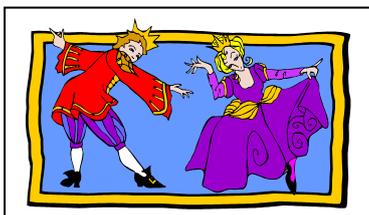
Homework

Please see note in your child's home-school book and the Edmodo letter.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can all parents/carers provide a water bottle for their child, children get thirsty during the day. It is difficult to concentrate if you need a drink.

Our main topic this term will be 'Mighty Monarchs and Creepy Castles!'



Through History: children will look at Castles-how, where and why they were built, key features of castles, how castles were defended and attacked, life in the castle, British Monarchy timeline, A focus on Tudor monarchy: Henry VIII and Elizabeth 1 as significant individuals in history.



Our other subject areas are:

- **Science-** Our topic for the first half term will look at Animals including Humans.
- **RE** – Our RE topic will span the autumn term and will focus on harvest and then incarnation.
- **Music** – Young Voices singing.
We will be taking Y4/5/6 to the Young Voices concert again, however all class 2 and class 3 will learn the songs as we want to do a short Christmas Concert hopefully alongside the choir and musicians using some of the songs that children Y2-Y6 will be involved in.
- **Monday PE with Mr Warriner**– invasion games and stamina activities (trainers and outdoor PE kit required).
- **Thursday PE with Miss Goodchild**- Swimming (begins 13th Sep).
- **Computing** –Computing skills will be used to aid our learning in many subjects but ch’n will also have an hour’s dedicated Computing time. This half term learning will cover: E-Safety.
- **Art-**
- **French** – we will continue to progress through aspects of the French language, following the NYCC coverage, units are similar for each year group and recap the language so this will work well. Y2s will focus on French through song.
- **PSHCE**- The theme will be the British Isles and democracy and we will continue our Growth Mindset thinking skills.

English:

The English this half term will look at different types of writing all based on dragon texts and themes. There will be a whole school book fair and performance arts week. Our science, topic and RE will also provide further opportunities for writing.



Maths:

In maths we will focus on building and mastering our Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

Miss Goodchild

sowing seeds ~ bearing fruit ~ harvesting potential