



Spring 1 Information for parents and carers of children in Class 2

Date: 5th January 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had lovely Christmas break with your families.

Class Routines

- **Tuesdays** will continue to be our Sports Coach day so please have PE kits in school at the beginning of the week. Children will be doing indoor PE with Mr Shimwell.
- Miss Wilkie will take the class **Monday afternoons with Mrs Gale** for Music and PSHCE.
- Miss Wilkie will take the class on **Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Gale** for ART.
- **Wednesday** will continue to be library day.
- **Thursday** will be Forest Schools so children will need lots of warm and waterproof layers in school as well as wellies.
- **Fridays** will be our second PE session-outdoors. The children will do hockey with me and will need shin pads to use the wooden hockey sticks. We strongly encourage all Y3/4 to have shin pads and play with the wooden sticks.

Reading

We will continue to tick off how often children change their reading books so we can monitor how often children are reading and any children who are not reading regularly. We also tick Y2 books as they are returned to make sure we get them all. As I said in September, can I make a big plea that when you hear your child read at home that it's recorded in the home school book or Y3/4 could do it themselves for an adult to initial or sign. There are also sections at the front and back for children to record books they are reading at home. As before Mondays and Thursdays will be the days I send children to the library to change their home reading books in Y3/4. Y2 will bring them home Friday and return them Mondays.

Home-School Books

Please remember these books should be in school daily, this helps us send messages home and also record reading. It's also essential for children being able to access their passwords for online learning. 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. If the message is urgent please telephone the office, if it only needs answering that day/week you can also use Class Dojo.

Homework:

- Spellings will be set Mondays and tested Fridays beginning from 9th January 2023. Spellings will always be set using Google Classroom and I am currently putting 3 weeks' worth on at a time. Children and parents can access them from there.
- Reading Comprehension homework continues. **Books were sent home on Wednesday when the children returned and should be handed in next Tuesday.** Then the usual routine will continue: books returned Thursdays and handed in Tuesdays.
- **Times tables will be tested Thursdays this half term:** I will continue to put on weekly Dojo messages.

Punctuality the teaching day begins at 8:50 but children can begin arriving from 8:40. Remember if children reach the classroom after 8.50 they are marked as late. There are early bird activities from 8.40 for children to complete.



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Class 2 Curriculum Coverage

Our main topic this half term will be **Walk like an Egyptian** .

Through **History**: **The achievements of the earliest civilizations – Egypt**

Through **Geography**: **Human geography- settlements, trade routes etc**
Physical geography- River Nile

Our other subject areas are:

- **Science**: Y2 are covering Everyday Materials. Y3/4 will cover Forces.
- **RE**: Ch'n will begin a new topic 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?'
- **PSCHE**: this half term will look at: Why should we eat well and look after our teeth?
- **Music**: Children will be working on glockenspiels this half term learning stage 1 supported by the music resource Charanga.
- **PE**:
 - Tuesday: Gymnastics skills led by our Sports Coach
 - Thursday: Hockey led by Miss Goodchild.
- **Computing**: this half term our focus will be Touch typing and 'writing' on the computer.
- **French**: we will continue to progress through aspects of the French language, following the NYCC coverage. We will be covering La Jungle which focuses on animals words.
- **ART**: this half term will portraits and people

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Goodchild

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