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**Year 2 - Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very positive start to the year already, and we are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. We have spent some time over the first few weeks establishing our Class Charter and discussing the rights and the responsibilities we have in order to make our class a fun, fair and motivating place to learn. We are putting our ideas together to make a display in our class to reinforce these expectations. We firmly believe that we learn best when we follow these rules. These rules will be constantly and consistently reinforced across the year so that we all have "a great year!"

Please do not hesitate to talk to the team if you have any questions or concerns. The team are:



Miss. Johnson



Mrs. Webb



Mrs. Brooker



Mrs Thomas



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Mrs. Hibberd



Mrs. Rogers

The best time to catch us is just before or after school.

## Class Blog

Before I continue this newsletter, may I remind you about the class blog, which is the best place to keep up with all the latest news, events and activities in Year 2. You can access this blog in the morning on the class interactive whiteboard, through our school website as well as via Facebook. We hope that you find this method of communication useful and encourage you to comment using the inbuilt tools.

## Lunch

In Year 2, the children have a playtime before they eat their lunch at 1pm: by this time, with all of the hard work and learning that has gone on the children are often very hungry! There is fruit for them at morning play, but you may wish to provide your child with an additional healthy snack – to keep them going! It is also really important that every child has plenty to drink during the day, so please provide your child with a bottle of water, this is freely available to them during the day. Many children have already risen to the challenge of drinking lots of water by earning a Superhero point each time they empty their bottles.

## Topics

The Topics this term are based on the Geography and History Curriculum and we will also be having some themed weeks. Up until half term our topic will be India, culminating in an “India Day” in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Also during this half term we will be learning more about food and farming in the run up to our harvest festival on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

After half term we will be starting our Island Home topic, looking at Plants, Animals and their habitats followed by (in the run up to Christmas) the start of our Victorian topic.

## Trips

Maiden Castle Farm – date to be arranged.

Priest House Museum - Early December date to be arranged (Victorian Christmas)

## Reading

Please could you help your child to remember to bring their book bag to school every day. Book bags are needed for Library, Quiet reading, Shared reading, Group reading sessions and spelling activities as well as Individual reading to teachers, classroom assistants and parent helpers. Children should have at least two reading books of



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their colour (which should be changed regularly), a library book and their home learning diary. Each child will get the opportunity once a week to change their library books and reading books in class, however please feel free to do this more often by using the scanner in the library. A computer system logs all books in and out just like a real library, so please don't return books directly to the shelves without scanning first!

### **Spelling and Homework Activities**

Children will be bringing spellings home each week on a Friday, to be learned for the following Friday. The children will bring home a full copy of the list. There are lots of fun ways to learn spellings at home, try making learning spellings into a game, hunting letters and sounds around the house to build a word or a quick game of hangman can be great fun. Rewards will be given for practicing as well as getting good marks in spell checks.

In addition to spellings and reading we are continuing to use Reading Eggs, Purple Mash and are continuing to use Mathletics, which are all available online; the children have personal login details for these stuck into their reading record, please see the attached letter regarding parent log in.

Every other week the children will be given a piece of home learning to support our classwork. This may include writing, reading, remembering facts, drawing, designing, etc. So feel free to let your children be creative with these tasks and take ownership of their own learning! These additional learning challenges and other suggestions will be posted on the blog. All children who return their homework will be rewarded for their efforts.

### **Class target**

This term we will be putting a special emphasis on writing and handwriting. The majority of children in the class will be taught to join their writing using a cursive style. Attached to this letter is our cursive alphabet so that you can support your child at home with their writing.

### **Class Assembly**

This term our class assembly will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017 at 9.20 in the school hall, please come along and see what wonderful learning has been going on in Year 2.

### **Parent's Evenings and Information**

Our Parent's Evenings will be in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October just before the half-term holidays. There will be a Parent's Information Session on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, please come along to find out more about what we have planned in Year 2 for the Autumn term.

**Parent Help** – Thank you to those of you who have already offered help, we really do appreciate the time you spend with us. If anyone else would like to come and help support the children in their learning please let a member of the team know.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. Johnson.

Year 2 Class Teacher



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