

Autumn: Information for Year Two

Class Teacher: Mr. Williamson

Date: Autumn

Topic: The Seaside

Welcome to Year 2!

The Year 2 team are pleased to welcome you all back to school, and hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break. The new start of the school year is always an exciting time and we are very much looking forward to getting to know both you and your child during this first term. We hope that this letter will ensure a smooth transition into Year Two and help familiarise you with some of the routines and work that your child will be participating in.

Due to children not physically being in school for the summer term of the previous year, we will be spending the first few weeks assessing what they've retained of the previous year's curriculum. We'll do this through various lessons, fun activities and low-stakes testing; then we'll make this part of their learning along with the curriculum for their current year.

Subject:	Class work:	How you can help:
English	<u>Class Books</u> Dougal the Deep Sea Diver. The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch.	Spellings - We will send home a list of spellings each Monday. These spellings are taken from the Year 1 and 2 Statutory Spelling Lists and it is vital that children are not only learning the spelling but also a simple definition for each to increase their understanding. Please encourage your child to learn them as they will be tested every Monday. In class we will be learning a number of techniques to practise spellings and we hope the children will be able to share these with you at home.
English	In Year 2 our significant author is Anthony Browne. We will be researching into his life and looking at what inspired him to become an author.	To find out more about Anthony Browne and some of his books visit this website http://www.anthonybrownebooks.com
Mathematics	Place value, ordering, partitioning and counting. 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)	You could help at home by: Counting in different steps such as twos, fives, tens, threes and fours. Practising mental addition and subtraction methods. Rapid recall of the 2x, 5x and table and division facts Applying the four operations in a real life context such as finding totals of money and amounts and giving change.
Science	Our topics are 'Living Things and their habitats'. The children will be identifying different habitats and identifying different creatures that may live there.	Visit the library for books or research on the internet, BBC schools has a great science section.
Topic	We begin the year with an exciting topic called Oh I do Like to be Beside the Seaside! The children will explore the local area and compare it to different coastlines. They will be using a range of resources, geographical skills and looking at what it was like to visit the seaside in the past. We will be finding out about the uses of Lighthouses and our Art and DT will link with this topic also!	It would help if the children could name some seaside and coastal towns in Britain. Encourage the children to find these towns and resorts on a map.

Specific dates and home learning	<p>P.E. - Tuesday and Thursday - please make sure that your child has a full, named PE kit in school for every day because of changeable weather.</p> <p>Learning Log- Set Monday, in for Monday. A sheet will be sent home each week.</p> <p>Spellings- Set Monday, tested following Monday</p>
Targets for children	<p>Read daily at home and at school.</p> <p>Help your child learn their times tables and spellings.</p>
Please can you ensure your child's name is written in/on anything they bring into school.	

The Year Ahead

Phonics Screening Test

As you will be aware, your child did not take part in the phonics screening test in June. Current guidance states that the current Year 2 children will take this test in Autumn 2 (December). We are busy putting plans in place to recap all the phonics taught and will keep you informed when we know more.

SATs

As far as we know, SATs will still be taking place in the month of May but at the moment we are still waiting to hear guidance about how these will be administered. We will keep you regularly updated when we know more.

We are really looking forward to an enjoyable year with the children. The Year 2 team are always happy to help. If you have any questions please feel free to come in and have a chat with me.

Mr Williamson