

Newsletter

Autumn 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that you had a lovely summer. The children are settling back into the school routines and we hope for a successful year.

Numeracy



This term we will be starting by focusing on addition and using a number line and/or hundred square. We will also be beginning to learn our times tables, starting with x 2 and then moving on to x 5. We will then move on to looking at naming and describing 2D and 3D shape. We will be finishing off the year with data handling. We will be teaching them lots of new methods throughout the year and if you are unsure on any of them then please do not hesitate in coming to see us.

Literacy



Most year 2 children will be all following the Ruth Miskin, Read Write Inc. programme. This involves the children working in small groups and using fantastic texts that develop their decoding strategies, comprehension and writing skills.

We will be running a parent workshop about Read Write Inc. on Thursday 23rd September, after school and hope that you will be able to attend to find out how you can support your child at home with this.

Children who have progressed off this programme will begin the term by reading and focusing our writing around the story 'Who's afraid of the big bad book?' by Lauren Child. We will then move on to instructions, both reading and writing. We will end the term with poetry, looking at the sound patterns of words.

P.E.



Curriculum

Please can you ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school on their P.E days. All items must be clearly named, including trainers.

P.E. is a compulsory part of the curriculum and if your child does not have their kit with them then they are failing to meet curriculum criteria.

2B – Monday and Friday

2E ~ Tuesday and Thursday



Reading

With regard to home reading, children are expected to read or share a book for 10 to 15 minutes every night. Each week the children will be asked to read a certain amount of their group reader or the whole text; this will vary depending on the reading book of your individual child. Books will be changed weekly however this is reliant on books being returned on time each week. In addition to this, children should have another book, which they are reading on a regular basis. This can be a book from home or one chosen from school. Each night the book read should be **recorded in their reading record book**, which will be brought home each night and returned to school the next day.

Homework

Homework will be set every Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday.

Topics

Subject	Autumn 1st half term	Autumn 2nd half term
Science	Health and Growth	Grouping and changing materials
History		Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole (Remembrance Day)
Geography	Contrasting locality with Kent (linking to evacuees during world war 2)	
Art	Painting ~ London skylines	Collage and printing
I.C.T	Finding information	Creating pictures
P.E	Dance/Games	Gymnastics/Games
R.E	Special books – Bible, Qu'ran	Special people
Music	Exploring Duration	Pulse/Rhythm
D.T		Moving vehicles

Please remember if you do have any concerns to come and see us (after school if possible).

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Bibby & Miss Evans