



# Year 2

Newsletter to Parents

Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents,

The children looked fabulous on our very successful pirate day, what a great introduction to our new topic. The time taken at home to make the costumes really showed, thank you for your time and effort.

### Land Ahoy

Our topic for this term will be Land Ahoy. During this term our Geography focus will be locating the continents and oceans on the world map. In Design and Technology the children will evaluate and make their own biscuits and in Computing we will be discovering how to send messages in the virtual and real world. We will also be investigating the lives of some famous pirates.



**English:** We will be writing our own pirate tales using reoccurring language and then writing list poems. We will also be writing non-chronological reports based on fictional sea monsters. At the end of the term we will be studying the works of Quentin Blake.

**Maths:** We are starting the term by concreting our knowledge in place value and number, moving onto naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes. Finally, we will practice counting in jumps using measurement and capacity.

**Science:** We will be looking at how humans and animals grow and survive in the wild and the habitats in which they live.



After February half term we have an exciting arrival! The MFSA have kindly given us enough money to purchase a Duckling hatching kit. They will be arriving mid-week and the children will be there to watch the ducks hatch and grow following on from our science unit. This is a wonderful experience which we will share with the whole school.

### Outdoor Learning:

On Outdoor Learning days, children need to come to school with a labelled bag containing shoes and warm clothes. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store all of these so they will be sent home on the same day.

**Badger** class will need outdoor clothes: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Fox** class will need outdoor clothes: 17<sup>th</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### Reading

Thank you once again for your continued support: regularly reading to and with your child at home is vital, it makes a huge difference to each child's progress in school.



It is our aim for your child to be heard read every week by their teacher, either individually or as part of a group. This will usually happen during our 'Reading Carousel' when if not reading, your children will be completing other reading activities. Your child will continue to follow a structured phonics programme which will take place daily, sometimes in groups and sometimes as a class. Please be aware that groups and teachers may change from time to time.

### Weekly PE

For both classes, PE will take place at the following times:

Wednesday afternoon outdoors. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing - sweatshirt/zip-up top, jogging bottoms and trainers (not plimsolls).

Thursday afternoon indoors: This term's focus is *Gymnastics*. Children will need white t-shirts and blue shorts. Once in the hall, shoes and socks are removed, but for safety, these are worn to walk from the classroom to the hall and back.

Please ensure that on these days, hair is tied back and earrings are not worn, thank you.

### Mornings and Home Time

Thank you to those parents who are staying at the top of the steps/ramp and allowing your children to walk into the cloakroom independently. This allows the children to learn to look after their own belongings and also stops any traffic jams in the doorway. The cloakrooms have limited space and having extra adults in there as well, means that some children are unable to quickly get into the classroom ready for their learning to begin.



Either verbally or in writing, please inform us if somebody else will be collecting your child or they will be attending funzone. For the safety of your children we are unable to let them go with somebody else if we have not been informed. Should plans change throughout the school day, please telephone the school office. There are charts for regular home time arrangements for both classes in our cloakroom.

### Parents Evening

There will be a parents evening for Year 2 parents this term on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30 till 5:00 and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30 till 7:30.

### Year 2 reminders:

1. Children will need PE kits on Wednesday and Thursdays.
2. Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school every day.
3. Home learning is set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. The expectation of home learning is that the children will spend 30 minutes on the task.
4. Please can all pieces of clothing be clearly named, including hats.

Should you have any queries at all please feel free to speak to us.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Thompson and Mrs Smith