



Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back to school. It is lovely to see all the children back in school again, happy and ready to learn. The children have all settled well after the summer break.

English

This half term we will be focusing on the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will be using adjectives to describe the characters from the story. Alongside this, we will be reading Roald Dahl's poetry version of Little Red Riding Hood from the book 'Revolting Rhymes'. The children will be learning extracts from this poem to perform using clear voices, expression and actions. Following this, we will be looking at the text 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We will use the ideas from this story to write our own adventure story written in the third person. We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and adjectives.

Reading Books

Your child will be given a reading book each Tuesday to be kept until the following Tuesday. Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading, this is a skill they will be developing during Year 2. When reading, please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out unfamiliar words, as well as using the pictures to help them with their understanding. Please record in their reading record when you have listened to your child read with any other comments you wish to make.

Maths

Children will spend time counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, forwards and backwards, as well as learning all their number bonds to 10, 20 and beyond! This is something you can practise at home throughout the year. At the start of this term, we will also be looking at place value. We will be exploring how numbers can be partitioned into tens and ones and what the value of each digit is. The children will be using a range of equipment such as Numicon, Base 10 and tens frames to support their understanding. In our addition and subtraction unit, we will be consolidating our facts within 20, adding and subtracting 10's and adding ones to a 2-digit number. We will be focusing on mental methods, as well as using equipment to solve our calculations.

History, Art & Science

Our new History topic is called 'Noble Nurses.' We will be looking at famous nurses from the past and focusing on the lives of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Nellie Spindler. To begin this topic the children have had an exciting lesson looking at items associated with hospitals now and in the past. We will be learning how the hospitals have changed over time and how this happened. We will be looking at the lives of these famous nurses and ordering events of their lives on a timeline. In Art we will be using charcoal to sketch a portrait of Florence Nightingale. Our science this half term is about health and hygiene. This fits in very nicely with our history work when looking at how the hospitals have changed. We will be learning about the things humans need to stay healthy and the importance of exercise.



P.E.

Our P.E. units this half term are 'Gymnastics' and 'Attack, Defend, Shoot'. In Gymnastics we will be performing basic actions at different levels with control and consistency. This will develop the children's strength and flexibility. The end result will be to create and perform a simple sequence. During 'Attack, Defend, Shoot' we will be sending and receiving a ball using our feet. We will be learning the football skills required to dribble and pass the ball.

Please remember that **named** PE kits must be in school every Monday and need to be kept in school until Friday. P.E days for Year 2 are on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. We will be doing our P.E. lessons outside whenever possible therefore the children will need suitable footwear and jogging bottoms.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and needs to be returned by Friday. English/Topic homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by Monday. Homework will be given out in books for this half term. We will soon be giving the children weekly spellings which they will practise daily in school. They will then bring these home on a Friday to practise for the spelling test each Monday.

Reminders

We have gone back to our original drop off and pick up timings:

- Morning drop off - 8:45am - 8:55am
- Afternoon pick up - 3:15pm - 3:25pm

New class names:

- Miss Lally - Pine Class
- Mrs Caliandro & Mrs Tyler - Oak Class

Useful Websites

Below are the links to some websites which the children can access at home to support their learning:

- Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/pudsey-bolton>
Usernames and passwords for Purple Mash are inside the front cover of your child's reading record.
- Maths Games - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Miss Lally, Mrs Caliandro, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Shergill, Miss Costello and Miss Rybicka