

Welcome to Year 1/2!

I hope you are looking forward to Year 1/2 as much as we are. Lots of fun was had during our transition days. Just in case you are wondering about the year ahead, here are some useful pieces of information...

English

Our daily English lesson will be an hour each day. In this we will be learning lots of different sentence types and openers, writing extended pieces, including free write (children choose something that they would like to write about) and using a range of texts to improve our love of writing. You will have **weekly spellings and a test on Wednesday**. Each week you will be able to visit the school library and borrow a book, you can exchange this weekly or keep it until you have finished it.

Spelling and Phonics

In Year 1/2, you will have daily SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Phonics lessons to ensure that you are prepared for the **Year 1 Phonics testing in June 2019** and the **Year 2 SATs in May 2019**.

Maths.

We will cover a range of mathematical topics such as: Number and place value; addition and subtraction; division; measures such as weight, distance, time and capacity; position and direction; properties of shapes and fractions. Times tables will be a focus point in trying to complete and improve our 22, 33 club scores as well as competing in the termly TMPF tables challenge.

PE

Our PE day with ASM will be every **Monday** afternoon and every **Thursday** with Mrs Cadman. From September, we are trying a new approach to PE. **You will need to come to school dressed in your PE kit.** This will mean that you will not miss out on valuable lesson time, no PE kits will get lost and we can all enjoy longer PE lessons! **Our PE uniform will be, a yellow / gold t-shirt, navy blue jogging bottoms or blue shorts, depending on the weather, a royal blue hoody and trainers.**

Swimming.

Children in Year 2 will go swimming in the **Autumn term on Tuesday** mornings. For this it will be a one-piece swimming costume for girls, swimming trunks for boys and a **swimming hat for both boys and girls**. If goggles are needed to be worn, a letter to give permission is asked for.

Topic.

In September we will be finding out all about ourselves and our heroes, fitting in with the Centenary celebrations. We will be looking at animals and humans in Science and we will link this to our Geography when we look at where we live and compare it to other places in the world.

Homework

Homework is **set on the Friday** and due to **be handed in on the following Wednesday**. It will usually be a piece of maths and English, spellings and times tables practise. We ask each child to **read at least 5 times a week** and to have their **reading diary signed by an adult** for them to collect valuable dojos! Please feel free to write in any messages/queries in the diaries if you are unable to catch one of us on the yard.

Routines

The routines in our class are slightly different to those in EYFS as we try to promote further independence. In regards to tuck money, children no longer bring money in for the full week and instead bring their money in on a daily basis as they are required to independently collect their tuck during break time. For this reason, we have found it to be much easier if children bring their money in a purse, labelled with their name which they can then keep safely in a class box on the teacher's desk.

Wow! This sounds like a busy term...and of course it won't be long till Christmas! I hope this is of use, any questions please come and ask.

Mrs Cadman