

Y1/2 Department Newsletter September 2016

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you've all had a lovely break and are ready to start a new term. Hopefully the sun will keep on shining for a little longer!

Curriculum

This half term we will be settling the children into their new classes and start our first topic of the year, which is 'Carnival of Animals' where the children will be learning all about different animals building on their previous knowledge and understanding. We will be doing a taste test as part of work in science, please fill in the form at the bottom of this letter and return to school by 16th September. Wherever possible we will make links across the different curriculum subjects to this topic. In our RE lessons we will be focusing on the theme of 'belonging'.

In English the children will be developing their phonics to help them read fiction and non-fiction texts related to the topic. They will develop their handwriting skills, understanding of punctuation, sentence structure and grammar to write sentences related to the topic and texts they have read.

In Maths they will be develop their understanding of numbers and the number system, addition and subtraction, 2D & 3D shapes, measuring and money/time.

Please note that children will work on the relevant curriculum for their ability and academic year group.



Home/School Diaries and Reading

If you write any important messages/ queries in your child's home/ school diary please ask your child to hand it into their teacher in the morning as these will **not** be checked daily.

Reading is very important at an early age and as well as children reading the words on the page, they also need to be able to understand what they're reading. Please discuss the book with your children during and after reading. Reading books will be changed once a week (a text will be sent informing you of the day). However please ensure your child's books are in school every day. It is important that your child reads a range of books (stories and factual books) not just reading scheme books provided by school so don't worry if your child has finished his/ her books before changing them each week.



PE

Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school at all times. Earrings must be removed on PE days and long hair must be tied back. Velcro trainers and PE pumps are best (especially if your child is not yet able to tie shoelaces please).

Miss Clutterbuck (Deer class) and Mrs Fildes' (Badger class) PE days: Wednesday and Friday

Mrs Hanson (Rabbit class), Mrs Wilderspin (Hedgehog class) and Miss Marshall-Clarke's (Squirrel class) PE days: Monday and Thursday



Spellings and Homework

A separate letter will be sent home about the above in the next week – please check your child's school bag every day.



SATs and Phonic Check

All the Year 2 children will be taking their SATs (Standard Attainment Tasks and Tests) during the time after the Easter holiday until May half term 2017 and therefore must be in school during this time.

All Y1 children (and any Y2 children who did not pass) will take the phonics screening check, so will need to be in school the week of 12/6/17.



Y2 Residential

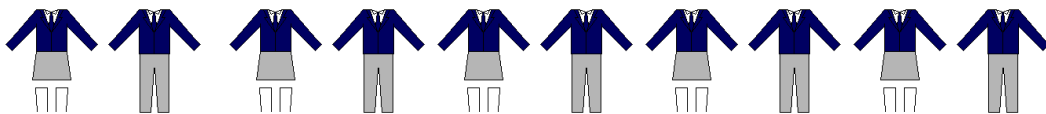
Following the success of the Y2 residential over the last 3 years, Lea Green has been booked again for 15-16th June 2017. A letter will be sent out after October half term with more information about this.

General

If you are available on a weekly basis and would like to help in class or change books then please let your child's teacher know as we are always looking for additional support to help with admin jobs, listening to children read, play games with groups of children, help in computer lessons. If you can offer any other support please pop a message in your child's home/school diary.

As always please make sure your child has his/her name in/on **all** belongings. Let's try to have no lost property this term! We definitely need your help with this.

Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle daily. If your child has an asthma inhaler please return to school ensuring it is in date.



If you have any queries about anything please feel free to write in your child's home/school diary or arrange to meet with your child's class teacher.

Year 1 and 2 Team

Name of child: _____

Please delete as appropriate

My child has no allergies/ My child has the following allergies –

Signed _____