

Winkleigh Primary School

Year 2 – Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a restful Summer break and made the most of the sunshine.

It was wonderful to spend the two transition days with the children last term. I was able to get to know them better and familiarise them with the rules and expectations in Year 2. This year in class the children will have the support from the wonderful Miss Parker (Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Nicks (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Gent (Wednesday afternoon).

We will be holding our Year 2 welcome meeting in the Year 2 classroom on Wednesday 14th September at 3.00-3.30pm, we look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

The beginning and end of the day procedures consists of the gates opening for all children at 8:45 before closing at 8:55. The children will come in through the gate and line up on the playground ready to be collected by Year 6 children and taken to their classroom. At the end of day, all children who are being collected from school (who are not on the bus) will leave school by the gate at 3:30. There are no longer staggered finishing times for KS1 and KS2 siblings.

The children will continue to be taught by sports coaches for PE this year. PE lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Children are still required to come into school on these days in a full PE kit. We are in the process of changing to our new uniform, which is now a navy blue hoodie/sweatshirt, plain navy or black shorts/joggers, a plain white t-shirt and black trainers. PE hoodies are only to be worn on these PE days and not as part of our full school uniform. Children should bring a water bottle and book bag to school. We do not have space to accommodate rucksacks and if brought to school they will be stored outside.

In English, we structure our teaching sequences around a focus text. These texts are carefully chosen to familiarise children with a range of text types as well as to cover the curriculum. Each sequence will follow a similar structure and will encompass the teaching of punctuation, grammar and spelling. The children will also develop their ability to respond to a text in written and spoken contexts to build their love of reading. This term, the children will develop their prior knowledge of significant individuals to structure a mini biography. In class we will be focusing on developing the children's oracy skills. This has proven to have a big impact on children's spoken and written learning, as well as developing their ability to communicate efficiently in class discussions. In Maths, our learning sequences last a few weeks and will include practical and written tasks. Our lessons will be interactive, hands on and include lots of discussion and problem solving. The children will regularly revisit prior learning which enables frequent consolidation of previous topics, therefore allowing us to build on or recap it if necessary. We will begin the term by exploring the place value of two-digit numbers up to 100.

There are a range of ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Reading is of paramount importance in terms of underpinning reading, writing, spelling and understanding of the world. If possible, it would be fantastic if you could read with your child 5 times a week, however I do understand that this is not always doable. Any time that you can read with your child is valuable. Your child will have a coloured home reading book which will be changed on a weekly basis and a book from our book corner to develop a love of reading. You can read either of these with your child and write this in their reading record book. For every 5 times that your child reads, they earn a sticker. The children who earn the most stickers each half term will get a special prize.

We will have a weekly spelling quiz every Friday. The lists will include the Year 2 common exception words and spelling patterns learned in class. In the first week, the children will have a spelling assessment. This will generate the spellings to learn and highlight areas to recap. At the end of the first week, the termly grid of spellings will be emailed to parents.

We are pleased to reintroduce class cake stalls, the Year 2 stall will be on Friday 14th October. We ask for you to have a go at baking some cakes, biscuits or sweet treats and send them in. We then run the stall at the end of the day, for all to buy- it provides valuable funds towards our class trips.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the online safety pages on our website should you require support or

guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

Please can we ask that if your child goes home on the school bus, you inform the office via a phone call or email should your child NOT be on the bus for some reason to avoid any confusion.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk We will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind Regards,

Miss Jones