

# Lower Key Stage 2 Newsletter



First Autumn Half Term 2018

## Lower Key Stage Two

Welcome back. We hope your child has settled into their new class and is happy at school. If you would like to know anything about the LKS2 routines please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher.

### LKS 2 Team

Class 7	Miss Robertson
Class 8	Mrs. Pazos
Class 9	Mr. Emmott
Teaching Assistants	Mrs. Bourne
	Mrs. Howarth

### Topics for this term will include the following-

Science	Plants
Topic	Early Footsteps
R.E	Places of Worship
Art	Cave paintings
DT	Clay models
PSHE	Beginnings
ICT	E-safety / Digital and Technical Understanding
MFL	French

**P.E. Lessons** Children are expected to bring P.E. kit for their lessons. They need-

Indoor- white t-shirt and shorts, pumps which should already be in school.

Outdoor- as above plus sweatshirt, tracksuit bottoms and trainers during colder weather.

PE kits can be left in school and we will ensure they are taken home for washing at half term.

We have pump bags available for children to store belongings but please make sure they are named as children often misplace items.

Please ensure your child's name is in their jumper/cardigan as they can easily get mixed up when the children change for P.E.

### **Class 7- Friday**

### **Class 8-Tuesday**

### **Class 9- Tuesday**

### **Snack Money**

Water bottles can be bought in class on Monday morning 50p

Fruit/healthy snacks are available daily. Children bring 10-20p if they would like a snack that day.

### **Homework**

Homework is set on Thursday for all Lower KS2 classes and is to be returned by Tuesday.

This allows a few evenings for homework to be completed as we appreciate parents are sometimes very busy on a particular night.

There will be an English task, maths task, spellings to practise, times tables to practise.

Your child has been given a PRACTICE BOOK to keep in their reading bag. This is to practise spellings and times tables. They will also have a homework book with instructions how and where to complete the homework task.

Homework is an opportunity to practise and consolidate skills. Homework sent home is specific to your child's ability and therefore they should be able to complete work with minimum help from you. However your support would be appreciated, please encourage your child to sit at a table if possible and avoid distractions, point out the importance of neatly presented work and encourage them to concentrate, do the work and then relax!

Children also bring home a book from the class library to read for enjoyment. A record is kept of the book the child has chosen. This can be read to them by an adult or older sibling. If this book is lost there will be a charge of £5 for a replacement. This book should also be kept in the reading bag . Children will be provided with regular opportunities to change their book.

## **Book bags**

All children have a book bag which we ask is brought to school every day and taken home every night.

This helps to develop organisational skills and ensures letters etc. arrive home safely. Please do not forget to check the book bag on a regular basis.

## **Rewards**

To encourage children to be prepared to learn we operate a reward system for bringing the reading bag every day, their PE kit every week and completing their homework. We keep a weekly record, leading to a reward every half term, which may consist of an afternoon with an extra playtime, baking, craft or playing on computers. Children are allowed ONE cross on each chart as obviously sometimes there are extenuating circumstances for not having their equipment.

## **Below is list of activities to support your child whilst at home.**

- \*Helping your child to practise their spellings.
- \*Ensure homework is returned on time.
- \*Reading stories to them.
- \* Chanting times tables walking along, just before bed, in the car... in fact, at every available opportunity.
- \*Talking to them about what they have learnt at school.
- \*Talking to them about time-When do we eat breakfast? How long their favourite TV programme lasts etc.

## **TRIPS**

May we suggest that you pay a small weekly amount into our trip savings club to save towards the cost of class trips. Any amount, from as little as 10p, can be brought to school any day and given to your child's class teacher. A savings card will be kept in school as a record of any payments. If you would like to see the savings card at any point your child just needs to ask their teacher and it will be sent home.

In the past, parents have found this a useful way to save, especially if they have more than one child.

**Thank-you for your co-operation**

**Mrs. Pazos LKS2 Lead**

