

Lower Key Stage 2 Newsletter

First Spring Half Term 2017

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Topic

Our topic for this term is the Norman Conquest which culminates in a visit to Skipton Castle at the beginning of next term. Thank you to all those parents/ guardians who have returned the permission slip and deposit.

P.E. Lessons

Children are expected to bring P.E. kit for their lessons. May we suggest that if you feel it is appropriate kit is left in school for the half term and we will ensure it is brought home in February so it can be washed or replaced if your child has grown.

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.

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.

Homework

Thank you for your support in completing and returning homework. Book bags should be brought to school every morning and returned home every afternoon. This is to encourage organisational skills and allows children to carry homework, reading books, letters, first aid slips etc. in a neat and tidy fashion. Reading books etc. can then be stored safely both at school and at home to avoid loss.

Homework is set on Thursday for all Lower KS2 classes.

There will be an English task, maths task, spellings to practise, times tables to practise and often a handwriting 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. This can be read to them by an adult or older sibling or they can read it themselves.

Rewards

We are always looking for ways to reward children for following rules/systems and trying their best to complete tasks successfully.

This term, as well as our spelling/ times tables competition children we will be rewarding children for **always** completing morning work on time, bringing book bags daily, returning homework on time etc. We appreciate your support with this.

Friday Fun is an opportunity to have fun within structured, educational activities for children who are up to date with the tasks set during the week.

Reading

We have always believed a love of reading is a pastime to be fostered. If your child has a book they particularly enjoy/ dislike, they are invited to comment on our 'Reading for Pleasure' board to help other children when choosing a book.

Many of the books we have shared in class have proved to be a talking point for many weeks and lots of children have bought copies of the book. Again, thank you to parents/ carers for supporting your children in this way.

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.

Lastly, if you have any concerns or would like more information about any aspect of school please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank-you for your co-operation

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