

Year 2 News



Friday 8th September 2023

Notice board

Reminders

Welcome back everyone!!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the start of the Autumn Term in Year 2. The children have settled in well and are getting used to their new routines. Please assist us with this by looking at the dinner menu with your child BEFORE they come into school in order to make our register time flow more smoothly!

- PE days for Year 2: **Monday and Thursday**. Please make sure your child has his/her PE kit in school by Monday 11th September at the latest.
- Please ensure that children's Blue Reading Record books are brought in every day.

Introducing Mrs Potma -

Hello Year 2! I am so excited to teach you all this year. My and Mr Potma's son Ryan is 11 and has just started secondary school, you'll get to know more about him soon because I talk about him in class regularly! :-). I like Bounce, running, cooking and reading and catching up with family and friends. I will teach on Thursday and Friday. I will be in school on Wednesday afternoons for my counselling diploma placement after which I hope to become a qualified counsellor for children and young adults.

Introducing Miss Nerkowski-

Hello Year 2! I am really looking forward to teaching Willow Class this year! I will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (and one Friday a month). I live in Bishops Stortford and I have a 5 year old daughter (Ava) and a 3 year old son (Harry). I love reading, cooking and taking my children swimming. I can't wait to get to know you all!

In Panda class we will be supported by Mrs Virdee and Mrs Hills.

Our topic this half term is

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets.

Please remember a CLEAR

water bottle with water please, not juice.

We are looking forward to our trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle on Wednesday 13th September!

Introducing Mrs Atukorala.- Hello! I am looking forward to this new school year! I live in Welwyn Garden City with my husband and two daughters who are 16 and 9 years old. I enjoy doing art and keeping active while outdoors. I can't wait to get to know the children in Kangaroo class as we enjoy learning together.

In Kangaroo class we will be supported by Mrs Edwards and Mrs Hills.

Maths -

In maths next week we will be looking at 10 more and less of a two digit number. We will continue to use equipment for supporting our learning. We are also learning to use talking frames to build on our maths vocabulary.

Word of the week: multiple.

English

In English the children work in their Read Write Inc groups. In class we alternate spelling and grammar session throughout the week. This week and next week we focus on homophones: sea/see, blew/blue, flower/flour etc. We also have regular handwriting sessions.

Topic - Next week we be learning all about castles on our trip to Mountfitchet Castle! We will then create colourful leaflets, in class, using our knowledge of places to explore in castles.

Word of the week: portcullis.

Home Learning Tasks

Mental Maths challenges: At home you can help your child by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. When we start looking at times tables we stop at 12x2, 12x5 and 12x10 so when you practise counting in 2s you can stop at 24 but if your child can carry on it's even better!

Topic at home: This half term we have a DT challenge! **Build a model castle using construction toys or found and recycled materials.** NB: Whilst your child will benefit from your input and help, please allow your child to practise important skills such as cutting and joining techniques. We would love to receive photos of the castles once they are done, they can be emailed to our email addresses, which you can find at the top of this newsletter. Your child will get time to tell the rest of the class about their model/castle soon after we've received the photo(s). During the last week of half term all the castles will be on display for our end of topic celebration. Castles can be brought into school from **12 October 2023**, not sooner as we don't have enough storage space. Thank you!