

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have enjoyed a relaxing summer break.

We are looking forward to a busy Autumn in Year 2 and have lots of exciting things planned including our residential trip to Foxhowl at the end of this half term. Further information will be sent out over the next few weeks.

The Curriculum

During this term, we will be studying the following;

In Mathematics we will be studying place value, calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In English we will be covering narrative, instructions, poetry, non-chronological reports and recounts in writing and will be continuing to work on phonics, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Reading is exceptionally valuable to a child in order for them to access all areas of the curriculum and we try really hard to develop their skills. Guided reading sessions take place every day and booster sessions. We strongly request your support in helping your child at home by listening to them read and talking to them about the text. This in turn will have a positive effect on their progress and enable them to grow as learners as well as providing an opportunity for you to share valuable time.

In Science we will be focusing on biology and will be learning about 'living things and their habitats' and 'animals including humans'. The children will be learning about habitats for different species, basic needs for survival, eating healthily and learning why exercise is important. The children will also recall the types of habitats they saw on their trip to Foxhowl. We will be using our scientific skills such as classifying, investigating, making observations and asking and answering scientific questions, to explore these topics.

In R.E. we will be learning about the 'good news of Jesus' which includes how we can help others. We will be reading Bible stories such as the 'Ten Lepers' and 'Jairus' Daughter'. We will then learn about belonging to a church and respecting others' holy places and near Christmas, about the Kingdom of God where the children will retell the Christmas story.

Topic for this half term will be linked to Foxhowl. We will be learning basic map skills and learning geographical vocabulary linked to human and physical features of the land. We will also be learning how to identify north, east, south and west on a map. After the half term break we will learn about the 'gunpowder plot' in our history topic.

Book bags

Book bags should be brought into school each day. We encourage children to be independent and to put any letters for home in them. Please check your child's bag for any new information.

PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and returned home for washing on a Friday.

Uniform

School uniform is an expensive outlay for parents, particularly at the beginning of the year and children have a nasty habit of losing items of clothing. By ensuring each item is labelled you can prevent this from happening. Teachers cannot be held responsible for unnamed items.

Water Bottles

We encourage children to bring a water bottle into school which we fill each day. These should be named and sent into school for the week, returning home on a Friday in order to be cleaned.

Snack

Homework

Homework is selected based on what the children have been learning in school and is to give them extra practise over the days they aren't in school. We try to make sure that this is manageable and would very much appreciate your help in encouraging your child to complete pieces to the best of their ability. If you have any questions about work sent home or need help and advice about how you can best support your child, please don't hesitate to ask.

Please check the school website www.lsj.org.uk for regular photos and information about our learning. To look at our class page, click on Year 2 under 'Classes'. Additional copies of our newsletter can also be found under 'Our School'.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to speak to one of our team and we will be happy to help. Appointments can be made for the end of the day so that we can give you our undivided attention as mornings can be very busy.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Swift - Class Teacher AM Miss Leath - Class Teacher PM

Miss Fives Teaching Assistant Mrs Woodall - Teaching Assistant