

## Year 2 Class Newsletter – Summer 2

### Welcome Back 😊

I hope you had a lovely break and that the children are looking forward to their final half-term in Year 2. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children on their hard work this year. I am very proud of the progress they have all made in various ways. I also want to extend a huge thank you to you, the parents, for your continued support by regularly listening to your child read, ensuring they have everything they need for the school day, and making sure homework is completed on time. I know this can be challenging to juggle sometimes! Please check out our topic web on the school website to find out more about what we will be learning over the next few weeks.

As always, please do not hesitate to see me either before or after school, or leave a telephone message with the office if you would like me to call you back. Alternatively, you can email me using our class email address, year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk, and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set every **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**. This will include one piece of maths homework which will be stuck into your child's homework book.

In addition to this, individual spellings are written in children's reading diaries.

Children are encouraged to practise spelling these words (using their chosen method) on a separate piece of paper at home. When children have completed all the Year 1 and 2 words, they will be given the full list. Please choose words randomly from this list to check they have remembered them. In school, we put these words into sentences to check if children are applying the spellings to their written work.

### Mr. E

As you may have seen in the school newsletter, I will be taking on additional responsibilities this term while Miss Clement is away. To help me fulfil these duties, I will have five additional days out of the classroom this half-term. Mr. Ernewicwz (also known as Mr. E) will cover these days on Fridays.

Mr. E is a qualified teacher and a talented musician, so he will naturally be teaching Year 2's music lessons this term! I will meet with Mr. E on Friday to hand over plans and discuss the class.

Mrs. Hall will continue to support the class on Friday mornings.

### Reading Canines

As children are becoming more fluent in their word reading, we are now encouraging them to practise answering comprehension questions to ensure they have a strong understanding of what they are reading. This is good practice for when children are answering written reading questions in assessments. Please use the VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain and retrieval and sequence) question stems to ask children questions about what they have read. You will find a Reading Canine Bookmark in your child's reading diary which contain lots of example questions. You can read more about the Reading Canines on our school website under the 'Year 2 resources' tab on our class page.

### PE

This term we will be focussing on **athletics** in PE. These lessons be on a **Friday afternoon**. Children will need their **indoor and outdoor PE kit** for these lessons. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled and long hair is tied back. Children will need to remove their earrings for the lesson - we cannot assist with this.

### Phonics

Children who did not pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 will re-sit the paper during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please continue to practise reading the real and nonsense words provided.

### Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will be held on **Monday afternoons**. Please ensure children have suitable clothing in school on these days. I recommend long-sleeved tops rather than thick jumpers for the warm weather.