



Year 2 Class Newsletter
Spring 2



Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a lovely break and the children are ready for a short but very busy half-term! Our new Geography topic is '**Let's go to Brazil**'. These lessons will mostly be taught by Mr Mullins on Thursday however we also have lots of exciting Brazil-themed lessons planned for our other subjects such as carnival dancing in PE and making sweet Brazilian treats in our DT lessons. 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 come and see me either before or after school or leave a telephone message with the office for me to give you a call back should you have any questions or queries. 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.

Forest Schools

Our Forest School sessions will resume after the Easter holiday.

Purple Pen Licence

Year 2 were very excited to hear that this half-term we will begin to award some children with a 'Purple Polishing Pen Licence'. The licence entitles the child to edit their work using a purple pen instead of a purple pencil.

Children will be awarded the licence for regularly attempting to edit and improve their work. We will stick the licence in their reading diaries for you to see at home.

Spellings

In addition to the weekly homework set, 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. Please see some **spelling strategies** in the 'resources' section on our class page on the school website. You may notice that children are occasionally given words that they have already practised. This is due to us spotting the word spelt incorrectly in their writing books. Children are welcome to bring in their practice sheets or any other work they have completed at home if they wish 😊

PE

This term we will be focussing on **Dance** in PE. These lessons will now be on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Children will need both their **indoor PE kits** 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.

Swimming

Year 2 will also receive weekly swimming lessons this half-term. These lessons will be held on Tuesday afternoons at Ashby Leisure Centre. Our first swimming lesson will be on Tuesday 27th February. Please ensure your child brings a swimming costume/trunks, towel and goggles (if required) on this day.

We recommend children bring their swimming kit in a large shopping bag for easy access as they also need to fit their uniform, shoes and coats into their bags while they are swimming. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled - including underwear!

Diary Dates

Monday 4th March - Final balance due for our Leicester trip

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (wear your own clothes or costume)

Monday 18th March - Trip to Leicester Mosque and Museum

Friday 26th April (after the holiday) - Year 2 Golden Book Assembly at 9am