

Year 2 Class Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday and the children are looking forward to the summer term in Year 2. We have lots of exciting topics planned so please check out our curriculum map on the school website to find out more about what we will be learning over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to showing off some of our work to in our **Golden Book Assembly on Friday 26th**

April at 9am - We hope you can make it 😊

The full payment for our residential visit to **Sherwood Forest** was due before the Easter holiday so if you have a balance outstanding, please ensure it is paid as soon as possible. We will ask for £10 in cash nearer the date. You can find more information about this trip, which takes place on Thursday 9th May, under the Year 2 tab on our school website. 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.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set every **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**. Please note, children receive lots of praise for **completing the challenge** on the homework and receive a sticker if it's completed early.

Please feel free to make comments in your child's homework book, particularly if they found the homework tricky!

In addition to the weekly homework, individual spellings are written in children's reading diaries. Children are encouraged to regularly practise spelling these words using their chosen method (available on the website) on a separate piece of paper at home. We are more than happy for children to bring in their spellings to show us if it helps to motivate them!

Reading

This term, we want to focus on developing children's comprehension skills to help them gain a better understanding of what they are reading.

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.

Forest School

Due to a very busy half-term with our residential, sports coach and swimming lessons, we will not be participating in Forest School sessions until after the half-term break.

PE

Our PE lessons will focus on **invasion games** this half-term. These lessons will be led by our sports coach on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Children will need their **indoor and outdoor** PE kits in school for these lessons. Please ensure **all** items are clearly labelled. Children will need to remove their earrings for all PE lessons - we cannot assist with this.

Year 2 will also continue to receive weekly swimming lessons for the first two weeks back. These lessons will be on a Tuesday afternoon at Ashby Leisure Centre.

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.

Sherwood Forest Residential Thursday 9th – Friday 10th May

This week, we will be asking all children to write the names of 3 children they would like to share a room with. We will then work hard to ensure that all children are with at least 1 of the children on their list.

Please remember to let me know/remind me if your child wears pull ups to bed or is likely to have an accident during the night (unless you have already mentioned this on the medical form).