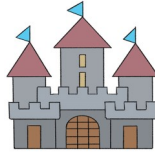


Year 2 Autumn

Newsletter



September 2024



Reading Books

Please pack books every day for DEAR time (Drop Everything & Read). We try to hear children a number of times in school over the week. We will stamp books to show they have read to an adult in school. Most children will bring home a reading book that links to their current phonics group and should be able to read these to you fluently and easily. These books are changed in phonics groups weekly.

Children will also start to use their Accelerated Reader levels and choose their books according to their current ZPD score. Children are responsible for changing their own books in school with support. *Please support us reading by signing and checking diaries at least three times a week at home- they will receive a raffle ticket into our draw every time they read 3 times.*



Lesson and homework

Children will be remaining in their classes for the teaching of grammar and writing. Within Maths and phonics we will be using "flexible grouping" so that children can be grouped in order to target their specific needs. Homework will be sent out soon, every Friday and due in the following Thursday to share with the class. Alternatively, you can post on your dojo portfolio. Homework tasks consolidate learning from the current week and help reinforce concepts that have been learnt or introduced. No new skills are sent home as homework so all tasks should be accessible with minimal support for most children.



Rewards and dojo

Children are able to have their name moved from green up to blue or even purple star for displaying excellent behaviour. They can continue to earn blue and purple praise cards and could even visit afternoon tea once they have 4 purple praise cards. We have a few earn this so far. Please continue use dojo to keep up to date with us and to communicate with us about your child. Dojo points are no longer awarded in school.



Topic

Our topic this term, **Towers, Tunnels and Turrets** explores the history of castles, battles and significant individuals, including key monarchs of England. We will be investigating materials in science lessons, and constructing castles with working drawbridges. In our art lessons we will be studying and recreating the work of Paul Klee. Our music lessons will be introducing melody and improvisation! We have our first trip to Stafford Castle to look forward to on 9th and 10th October- letters to follow!



Spellings

Children will soon come home on a Friday with spellings as part of homework. They will have 10 words linked to year 2 common exception words and spelling patterns. Children who require more support will be sent a pack of flashcards to learn to read instead of spellings.

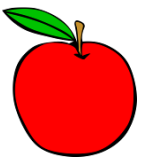
P.E

Children will have PE 1 full afternoon on a Friday. Please can children come to school in their PE kits consisting of purple t-shirt, black shorts or bottoms and black hoody. Please label everything! 2FG will be starting with gymnastics while the other classes will cover dance and multiskills. Earrings are not to be worn on PE days please.



Snacks

A reminder that children will be provided with fresh fruit every day for break times. We are a healthy school so we ask that any snacks from home snacks are healthy. Please do not send in chocolate, biscuit or crisp type snacks for break time.



Water Bottles

Can children please bring in a **named** water bottle so they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

Thank You. Year 2 Team

Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Whitehurst, Mrs Bryan, Miss Jacobson & Mrs Kelly