

Year 2

Autumn Term Newsletter



Autumn Term 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 different animal groups and materials in science lessons, and constructing castle walls. 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 in October too! Please check Parent Pay for further details.

Spellings

Children will soon come home following a spelling lesson in English (generally fortnightly) with spellings for homework. They will have up to 10 words linked to year 2 spelling patterns.

PE

Children will have PE 1 full afternoon on a Tuesday. 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! We will start with dance and outdoor and adventurous while a group start forest schools with Miss Jehan. Earrings are not to be worn on PE days please.

Rewards & Dojo

Children are able to have their name moved from green up to blue or even purple star for displaying excellent behaviour. They earn blue and purple praise cards and could even visit afternoon tea once they have 4 purple praise cards.

Please continue to use dojo to keep up to date with us and to communicate with us about your child. We are sometimes unable to check dojo during the school day, so urgent messages should go via the office.

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 with 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.*

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.

Lessons & 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 after half term, every Friday and due in the following Thursday to share with the class. Until then, Numbots will form part of ongoing homework, along with spelling and reading, which also form part of our homework expectations.

Water Bottles

All children need to bring in a named water bottle so they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

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Thank you for your continued support,
Year 2 Team.

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