

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to another year at Wygate Park Academy and the start of our new adventure in Year 2! The children have already got off to a wonderful start and have begun their learning journey! Our topic this term is Forest Rangers and the children are looking forward to learning all about the different forests in the UK and the rainforests of the world, the layers of a forest and what can be found in different types of forests!

Year 2 Staff

We have two classes making up Year 2 this year. Miss Smith is the Hawthorn Class teacher and Mr Leggett is the Chestnut class teacher. Miss Michie is the teaching assistant across both classes and Mrs Wise and Mrs Beeby will be supporting in the Chestnut Class.

PE Kits and Uniform

PE lessons will take place every Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child's indoor and outdoor PE kit is in school every day and that it is clearly named in a PE bag. Children should not wear earrings for PE and long hair needs to be tied up. Please ensure earrings are removed on the morning of PE or your child can remove them themselves. PE will be outside where possible this term, so please ensure appropriate kit is in school. If it is raining or too cold, the children will be in the hall.

Please ensure your child comes in the correct school uniform and that it is all clearly named! A polite reminder that nail varnish needs to be removed for school and earrings must be plain studs.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle into school each day that contains plain water only. It is the children's responsibility to remember to take it home every day. The children will have access to their water bottles at specific times throughout the day, to allow them to rehydrate.

Homework and Spelling Journals

Homework will continue to be sent as a 'pic n mix' style with red boxes completed weekly, amber boxes completed at specific times and green boxes provided extra learning opportunities. Your child's homework book must be returned each Wednesday ready to be marked and handed out again on the Friday. Homework will be sent out on **Friday 11th September!**

We will also continue to send out weekly spellings on a Monday but these will be sent out on wednesday for the time being, to limit the amount of books being sent home at this current time. Spelling journals will be used in school only until further notice. This year the children will have a weekly 'quiz' before recording their new spellings. It is essential that children are supported with their homework this year and that they practise their spelling words as many times as possible throughout the week. The first list of spellings will be sent out on **Monday 14th September.**

Attendance

As you are aware, a good level of attendance is essential for good progress in learning. It is very important that you contact the school office if your child is off school due to illness. Every school day counts!

Reading

Reading books will be changed regularly at school and the class teacher/TA will record this in the reading records. Please continue to support your child's reading at home and record any comments in your child's reading record. We ask that you support your child with reading at least 3 times per week and that the children begin to read independently for 10 minutes per night. The children can record in their own journals the pages that they have read independently but we ask that parents still continue to record their own comments when listening to children read. We are currently in the process of assessing the children's current reading level as some children haven't been in school for a long amount of time and therefore may have changed book bands. This means books will not be sent out until the week beginning the 14th September.

Curriculum Evening

We will be holding a Year 2 curriculum evening in school on Thursday 17th September from 3-4. This is an evening where parents will be given information regarding the expectations of the Year 2 curriculum, how you can support your child at home, Y2 statutory assessment tests (SATs) and homework and reading expectations. This is also the perfect opportunity for you to ask any questions regarding your child's time in Year 2. If you are unable to attend, please let Miss Smith or Mr Leggett know so we can run through this information with you on another date and send out a learning pack! Please register your interest for this evening on weduc before you arrive so that we are aware of numbers for the evening.

We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please speak to Miss Smith or Mr Leggett if you have any worries, queries or concerns!