

## Summer 1 Newsletter

Wow! Welcome back to the Summer term of Year 2! We hope that you've had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed spending time with your family in the glorious sunshine. We cannot believe how quickly this year is flying past and that we are already in our penultimate term of Year 2! Our topic this term will be called 'Shipwrecked' and the children will be learning about famous explorers including Captain Cook, Joseph Banks and Matthew Flinders. We will be using our geographical knowledge to find out where they travelled and find out more about what they discovered!

### PE Kits and Uniform

PE lessons will continue to take place every Monday 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, unless 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.

Could we ensure PE kit is in during the whole week where possible as we would like the children to take part in extra PE lessons throughout the Summer now that the weather is improving ☺

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

Now that the weather is hopefully getting better, it is even more important that the children have a named water bottle in school each day that contains plain water only. The children will have access to their water bottles at specific times throughout the day, to allow them to rehydrate. It is the children's responsibility to remember to take it home every day.

### 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 provide extra learning opportunities. Your child's homework book must be returned each Wednesday ready to be marked and handed out again on the Friday.

We will continue to send out weekly spellings on a Tuesday and the children will have their spelling quiz each Tuesday. Please ensure the children are practising these at home.

### **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 on the Go Read app. Please continue to support your child's reading at home and record any comments on the Go Read app. 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 on Go Read themselves using the 'pupil login' section, stating the pages that they have read independently but we ask that parents still continue to record their own comments when listening to children read under the **parent** section.

This is an incredibly important part of your child's reading development and is key to developing their fluency, understanding and vocabulary. Please ensure you are sharing lots of books at home and giving the children lots of opportunities to read at home.

### **Elite Clubs**

Elite sport will be continuing to run sports club for the children this term. The clubs on offer are -

Mondays - Summer Sports

Thursdays - Athletics

### **Outdoor Clothing**

Could we ask that all children are still bringing coats/jumpers to school for the time being. The British weather is ever changing and it can sometimes change quickly and become cold for playtime and lunchtime. If the weather is warm, the children don't have to wear their coats outside, but they are in school just in case!

### **Maths on the Move**

This term, Y2 are going to be taking part in an activity called 'Maths on the Move' on a Wednesday morning. This is provided by an external company and aims to combine PE activities along with the Y2 maths curriculum! All children will have a chance to take part in this. Could I therefore ask that PE kits are brought into school both on a MONDAY for their normal PE lesson and on a WEDNESDAY for their Maths on the Move session.

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