



Seuss Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2021

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready to be back at school!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 2 and introduce you to our new class name; Seuss Class. The Year 2 team consists of Mrs Foster and Mrs Smith and is supported by Miss Antoine. Mrs Foster will continue to teach Monday, Tuesday and Mrs Smith will be teaching Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be rotated each week. We will also have Mrs Patience / Miss Alex working as a 1:1 within our classroom too.

Due to the success of ClassDojo, we will continue to use this as a way of communicating with you, so if there is anything at all you want to speak to us about, please message us on ClassDojo and we will reply as soon as possible. Alternatively we will be available to speak at the end of the school day; however this would not be until all of the children had been dismissed.

Topic – Autumn 1: Toys

Both Year 1 and Year 2 will cover the same topics throughout the year and the topic will change each half term.

Our first topic will be 'Toys Past and Present'. In history, the children will learn how toys have changed over time. We will learn about materials and their properties / suitability in science. In DT the children will make their own puppet.

We will also link computing, music and health education to the class topic where we can.

Homework

Each week we would like the children to take part in three different homework activities. These will remain very similar each week for familiarity and consistency.

- **Reading** - During the first few weeks of term, we will be assessing your child's reading, in order to check they are on the correct stage. Until this time, your child will be given the same stage book as last year. We will change reading books on a Monday and Thursday. Once your child gets on to Turquoise stage, the books get longer, therefore we will suggest only changing them on a Monday. In the front of your child's reading record, is a sheet which contains a username and password to Oxford Owl eBooks and some suggested comments that you can use to help record how your child has done with their reading.
- **Phonics /Spelling** – To help reduce the handling of books in school, we will be sending home these tasks on pieces of paper. Please photograph the work once completed and upload this to your child's portfolio on ClassDojo so we can monitor it that way. We will provide a green book for your child to work in at home so they have somewhere to stick their sheets and complete the tasks we send. Phonics homework will start on Monday 13th September.
- **Topic** – We will post weekly topic linked homework on ClassDojo on a Friday. This can also be recorded in the green book sent home and then 'handed in' by uploading a photo of the work completed to your child's portfolio on ClassDojo.

A reminder/ further details about each of the homework tasks, will be placed on the front of your child's reading record and green homework book. These will be issued by Friday 3rd September.

PE

We are still awaiting confirmation of the new PE arrangements. We will communicate these to you ASAP via Dojo.

General Reminders and information...

- All children need to bring a named drinks bottle for the classroom.
- Please ensure all uniform is named so that we can get it back to you.

Thank you,

Year 2 team