



Class 2 Newsletter
Autumn Term 1 2017



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome to class 2 with Mrs Smith and Miss Antoine. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready to be back at school. Communication is important to us so we hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information about your new class. If you ever wish to speak to myself, I'm always available at the end of the day. I also encourage you to use your child's reading record to write anything you need to make me aware of. Just simply ask your child to hand me it first thing in the morning. I will then write back to you or see you at the end of the day.

Project – Autumn 1: The Place Where We Live

We will be covering lots of different subjects within this project but the main focus will be history and geography. We will go on lots of local walks and visit Immingham Museum. Please look at our class page on the school website to see what we have been learning. The school website will be updated weekly to share with you what the children have been learning.

Homework

- **Reading** – I ask that your child reads for 10 minutes each day at home. Once someone has heard your child read, could I ask that they sign and leave a comment in their reading record. An opportunity to change reading books will be on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Due to the length of certain books within the scheme, some children might only change their book once a week.
In Year 2, there is a large focus on the understanding of what has been read so it's really important that questions are asked. In the front of your child's reading record are some sample questions to support you with this. Also, on a Monday a short reading activity will come home, where your child is required to read the short passage and then answer the questions. They should try to complete the activity with minimal support. If support is required, please can this be indicated on the sheet. This needs to be handed in by Friday.
During the first few weeks of term, I 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.
- **Spellings** – New spellings will be issued every Friday in your child's spellings practise book. These spellings act as a recap of sounds which we have covered during previous phonics lessons. The children will have a spelling test on these words the following Thursday. There will be a new format for learning spellings this year to encourage the children to practise more at home.
- **Project:** Children can choose any task from the home learning grid each week. It is always great to see the children's efforts. Please allow your children the flexibility of adapting tasks that have been set, or even creating your own, based upon family days out and experiences. Children should place their homework folders into the box once they have completed a task and they will be sent back home at the end of the week.

General Reminders and information...

- PE days will be on a **Wednesday and Friday**. The children are required to bring both their indoor and outdoor kit until further notice. Trainers must be worn outside and earrings must be covered with plasters if they can't be removed.
- At the end of the day, children will be walked to the main playground by myself and Miss Antoine. The children must show a member of staff the location of the adult picking them up, before they are released.

Dates and events to look out for...

- Harvest Festival
- Parent's evening
- Afterschool Clubs

Further information about these events will be sent to you very soon.