



Suess Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2018



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome to Suess Class with Mrs Holdsworth 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 before school if it is a quick message or query at the end of the day when all children have been dismissed. 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 learning about the local area that we live in and comparing what it used to be like in the past to how it is today. The children will cover a variety of subjects such as science, history, geography and art and design. These will all link to the project we are looking at. As well as the above subjects the children will have PE, computing, music, RE and PSHE on a weekly basis.

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 at the front of the children's reading records there will be some words that the children need to be able to read and spell by the end of Year 2. Please could you support your child learn these and tick against each word when they have achieved this. Once it has 3 ticks against it we will issue a new set of words to learn. 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. This will start Friday 7th September. 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.
- **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 books 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 **Monday and Wednesday**. 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 line up in the corridor near the KS1 cloakroom. Please collect your child from the door near the stage area outside of KS1. If someone different is going to collect your child please inform a member of staff at the office and they will inform me.

- Also don't forget we would like to see pictures of your child reading in 'strange' places so we can add it to our reading display.
- A water fountain is available to the children at all times but children are able to bring a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, containing water. Please place you child's name on the bottle so both staff and children can identify it easily.

Dates and events to look out for...

- Harvest Festival
- Parent's evening
- After school clubs

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

Thank you.

Year 2 team