

11 September 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome

Welcome back after the summer break. We hope that you all had a lovely break, making the most of the sunshine, and are looking forward to another busy year at school.

Reading books

Whilst your child is in Year Two they will be responsible for changing their own reading book. The book mark system that you are familiar with will continue, so please ensure that you read with your child as often as possible so that they can swap their book regularly. A record will be kept of how often your child changes their book and the children will be reminded at the end of each week and asked to change it if they have not done so already. As their books get longer we will allow more time for the children to enjoy their book at home.

Homework/spellings

Spellings will be sent home each week on a Friday. You should help your child to learn their spelling words in preparation for the following Friday, when there will be a short, informal spelling test. This will commence from Friday 12 September. You will be informed of your child's progress in their spelling test in their spelling record book which must be returned to school each week.

Please keep your eyes peeled for any additional homework linked to topic work or additional studies in literacy or numeracy. The purpose of whole class homework in Year Two will always be to support the ongoing learning. This might be a written piece of work, additional maths activities, online games or a discussion or a research topic. The children will be informed when a new homework is set and a letter will be sent home to inform parents. Further study outside the classroom is of huge benefit to classroom studies and I appreciate any additional time spent supporting your child in this area.

PE

Come rain or shine, PE this half term is outdoors! Please ensure that your child has a suitable pair of studded boots/trainers (suitable for both field and playground use), a warm pair of tracksuit bottoms and a jumper. They should also have an indoor PE kit in school – just in case. All items should be clearly labelled.

Dates

The whole school will be visiting Dalby Forest on Monday 29 September. More information to follow. The children will be visiting St Helen's church on 26 September for our annual Harvest Festival celebration. In addition to these dates, Year 2 is hoping to get out into our local area on foot to support our learning in geography and science. Dates to be confirmed.

And finally, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us at the end of the day should you have any enquiries regarding your child's wellbeing or progress; we are here to help. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shingler and Mrs Hargraves.