

## Autumn Term - Year 2



Welcome to Year 2 - We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and managed to keep everyone amused during the long break! We are very much looking forward to having you all in year two. I know I am in a very privileged position teaching your children again, hopefully they are looking forward to being with me again and I can't wait to see how much they have grown.

### **READING AND SPELLINGS**

Your child will bring home a reading book and their diary every night. It would be appreciated if you could spend 10 minutes listening to them read and making a brief comment in the diary. It is vital that your child spends time reading aloud to another adult to help encourage their fluency as this is an essential skill in year two as the children will become more independent readers. Even if your child reads fluently now, they need to read with adults so that they can improve their understanding of the books.

**Please could reading books and diaries be kept inside the plastic book bag – we will change books as and when your child needs a book changing but it is vital that books and diaries are in school every day.** Additionally, your child will also bring home spellings to learn which they will be tested on with an adult. Again, it is very important the children spend time learning these words as not only will it aid their reading, but it is a step towards them also spelling these words in independent writing. Spelling books will come home on a Friday

but **only** need to be returned on the following Friday. The yellow books are their spelling books, and these can be used to practise writing your spellings if you would like.

### **St LAURENCE BEAR OUR 'GOOD FRIEND' BEAR.**

We would like to introduce our Bear to you all! Each weekend we will ask a child to bring St Laurence Bear home as a treat for being a really good friend, celebrating our half-termly value and showing wonderful manners throughout the week. Feel free to include him in any activities you do during that time. He is more than happy to join in with anything you do - swimming lessons, visiting Grandma, going to Tesco...but there is no expectation for you to report back to us – it is simply a special treat for your child! Please don't feel you have to print out photographs, the children can draw them and simply write about what they did as I know how difficult it can be to print things out.



### **P.E KIT, SWEATSHIRTS and WATER.**

Please make sure your child's P.E kit is named and is in all week for our lessons which will take place on a **Monday and a Thursday**. Each child is allowed to bring a bottle of water (with a lid on!!) to drink throughout the day and this can be left in the classroom. It would also be appreciated if all sweatshirts could be named as this will save many arguments after playtime and P.E!

### **AUTUMN TERM TOPICS**

This half term our main topic is 'All About Me inside and Out' and in science we will be learning about Animals, including humans. For more information and to see what we will be covering in each subject, please have a look at our topic webs.

### **Help!**

Finally if anyone has any spare time and would like to join us in school to listen to children read, help with Art activities or even any classroom jobs we would really appreciate the help.

Please speak to one of us to arrange a time which is suitable for you if you are available.

Thank You

Mrs Caine & Mrs Stevens



