

## **Year 2 Newsletter - Issue 1**

### **Welcome Back**

Thank you for helping to make the children's transition into Year 2 a smooth one. We are so pleased at how all of the children have settled in. They have adjusted well to the change in learning style and pace from year 1.

### **TOPIC**

This half term our topic is called 'Good to be Me'. During this topic we will be investigating and learning about a variety of different things.

**ART** - we are learning about the 'Pop Artist' Andy Warhol and are using colours to create pictures in this style. We are using photos of ourselves to create portraits in the 'Pop Art' style. We are going to look at line and texture in drawing by looking at and drawing the inside and outside of fruit. We will be printing with fruit and aim to print with the fruit in the 'Pop Art' style.

**TECHNOLOGY** – we will be looking at healthy eating and designing and making a healthy wrap, we will be creating an advertising poster for our wraps. We will be thinking about health and hygiene and we will be considering where food comes from, thinking about whether it is natural or processed.

**SCIENCE** – we will be linking health, hygiene and healthy food to exercise, thinking about how exercise is important to our bodies. We will be linking this work to aspirations and considering the lives of famous sports personalities, how they train and exercise and we will be designing a circuit for them to use in training.

**COMPUTING** – we are taking portrait photographs and photographs of ourselves and our friends.

### **LACEY LIBRARY**

Year 2 will be visiting the Lacey library on Monday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be greatly appreciated. If we don't have enough adults to walk there the trip will be cancelled. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help. The anticipated date of the next visit for each class is detailed below.

Class 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Class 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Class 8 – 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

### **PE**

It is good to see the children all with their PE kit. We are currently doing inside and outside PE, so please make sure your child has appropriate PE kit for both sessions. Please remember to remove all earrings on the days your child has PE.

Class 7 – Tues/Thurs

Class 8 – Mon/Thurs

Class 9 - Wed/Thurs

## SPELLINGS

In year 2 there are weekly spellings sent home with a spelling check taking place on a Tuesday. Each child has been provided with a small red exercise book to keep at home in which they can practise their spellings. New lists will be given out by their phonics teacher each week. Super speller certificates will be awarded for any child getting all of their spellings correct. Please help your child practise these spellings at home so that they have a greater chance of success each week.

## READING

Well done to those parents who have been recording when they have shared a book with their child in the home/school reading diary, your comments have been most helpful. It is important for the children to read every day to practise applying their phonic knowledge and new reading skills learnt in lesson time.

## YEAR 2 GRAMMAR

We will be holding a short presentation on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 2:30pm** to share with you the expectations for Year 2 writing with a particular focus on grammar. The meeting plans to help you to understand what features the children are expected to use, and explain what the various terminology means. You will also be provided with a grammar handbook to keep at home.

If you would like to attend the Presentation please let the school office know as soon as possible.

## YEAR 2 SATS TESTS

Your child will take these tests during May. **As a school we have decided to administer the tests on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.** Please make a note of these dates. **It is of particular importance that you do not book holiday over these dates.**

## SCHOOL LUNCH – THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The Local Education Authority has decided that **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** will be the Autumn Census day. This date is particularly important in terms of our school's future allocation of funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals, as the funding we receive will be based on the number of children who have a school meal on this day. **As a result of this decision it is vital that as many children as possible have a school meal on this day to secure the maximum funding for our school.** The special "Lunch at the Movies" menu on this day will be  
RED: Chicken Hotdog, GREEN: Quorn Hotdog, YELLOW: Cheesy Quesadillas.