

Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives between 8:40am and 8:50am.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- All clothing and PE/swimming kits should be clearly named.
- All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.
- Year 2 children will be dropped off at the link to our new building and collected from our new playground.

Swimming and PE Lessons

- Year 2 will begin swimming in Term 4.
- We have PE lessons twice a week so please ensure your child has their named PE kit with them at the start of each week



The Year 2 Team

Teachers (from left to right): Mrs Clemo, Miss Miles and Mrs Hollingsworth.

Support Staff: Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilsher, Mrs Ayres, Mrs Dodd and Mr Hackett.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us at the end of the day if you have a question/problem. If you have an urgent message for us please tell the staff on the gate, who will pass the information on.

Many thanks for all your support, especially as we embed all of our new collection and arrival procedures for our new building.



Joy Lane Primary School Year 2 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2

Welcome back! We hope you and your child had a lovely summer break and are feeling rested and ready for the new school year. We are very excited for the year of learning ahead in our brand new classrooms!

This newsletter will give a brief overview of the activities we are doing in Terms 1 and 2.

In Term 1 our learning theme is...



The Seaside



We will be learning all about 'The Seaside' this term. This will enable us to put Whitstable into a wider context using a range of maps and through the exploration of the geographical features of coasts. We will be using the story of the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' to inspire our story writing whilst developing our English skills. This learning theme will, of course, enable us to visit our local beach!

In Term 2 our learning theme is ...



London's Burning



During our learning theme of 'London's Burning', we will explore a range of historical events. We will investigate the Great Fire of London, write from the view point of Florence Nightingale and understand the significance of the Gunpowder Plot and how it has led to the tradition of Bonfire Night. This will give us the opportunity to explore timelines in History and produce extremely colourful artwork in our Art sessions.



Year 2 Learning Themes

Here is an overview of some of the things we will be doing at school in the next few terms:

English:

We will be developing the key skills we learnt in Year 1. We will apply our writing skills to a range of purposes including poetry, explanations, recounts and creative stories. We will be extending our writing with a range of conjunctions (and, but, because) as well as making our writing more interesting with a range of exciting vocabulary (adjectives and adverbs). In addition, we will be preparing for the national Year 2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling assessment (SPaG). This will see us explore a range of spelling rules including plurals, the use of the past tense and word classes (nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs).



Mathematics:

We will be focussing on our understanding of number and place value, using this to develop our strategies in the addition and subtraction of larger numbers. We will also be developing our understanding of multiplication as repeated addition and how this can support our learning of 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables. This learning will be applied to problem solving and reasoning in order to develop our maths in real life situations.



Supporting your child at home:

All of our learning in school can be further supported at home. Practising key skills and recalling facts, little and often, can be done in a fun way by accessing a range of games and apps:

<http://www.ictgames.com/> (for Maths and English)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=40> (SPaG)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p> (English and Maths tabs)

Homework:

Daily reading should be recorded in the yellow reading record and spelling practice in the purple spelling book. The homework wheel will consist of a variety of activities linked to every curriculum area. Your child should complete one activity from the wheel each week, which they can record in their homework journal if appropriate. We look forward to celebrating your successes within the class! Homework books will be collected on a Monday and handed out on Wednesday. *Please feel free to use your yellow reading record to share any messages and concerns so we are able to get back to you.*

Spellings:

Spellings can be changed on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will practise 8 sets of their given colour and once they are confident in them, they will be tested in class. If they can spell the majority of the words independently, they will move to the next set. If they need further practice, they will have the opportunity to revisit spellings from the previous weeks.

Reading tips!

As you know, we encourage reading with your child every day and here are a few tips to help your child progress:

- Please encourage the use of phonics to help your child decode unknown words.
- If your child finds reading tricky, it is okay to take reading in turns to increase their confidence and begin to enjoy the flow of a story.
- Encourage your child to talk about the story and ensure they understand all the vocabulary used.
- Enjoy sharing stories together!!



Some of the stories you could enjoy that we will be exploring at school are: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and The Puffin Book of First Poetry. You could also explore stories and non-fiction books relating to our learning themes.