



King's Wood School and Nursery

September 2019

Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents
Welcome to Year 2.

Thank you to those of you who came to meet us on 11th September. In this letter we have outlined some of the things we discussed and areas your child will be learning about during this term.

As you may already know each class has a name, Mrs Martin is in 'Spruce' and Mr Stanford is in 'Pine'.

We are very fortunate in that we have a number of Learning Support Assistants to work with all the children in Year 2: Mrs Price, Mrs Carro, Mrs Shabir, Mrs Pepperall and Miss Notcutt.

The children have an exciting year ahead with lots of fun activities. This year we have been very lucky and are able to offer all the children violin lessons during school time. In addition we will continue to have Forest Schools, a number of open afternoons, History Days and school trips.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please note that as soon as your child arrives at school his/her learning activities start. In Year 2 the children often complete a 'Morning Maths' task or are given extra support to help them understand any work that they found challenging the day before. In addition adults are available to support children's reading.

Literacy/English

The children will be following the New Literacy Framework using 'The Power of Reading' to develop their writing skills. At school your child will continue to participate in a wide range of reading activities; shared reading, guided reading and independent reading. We expect the children to read daily (at least 10-15 mins), to an adult, at home as part of their home learning. Please record their progress in their Reading Diary. An **adult must sign the home reading record book** in order for their child to receive a new reading book. The children will continue to build on their handwriting from Year 1 with regular handwriting practise. Please encourage your child to hold a pencil correctly to help develop his/her writing skills. In order to develop the children's spelling skills, especially in their writing, they will be given spellings to learn on a regular basis. Please support your child in learning the spellings and practise using them in sentences.

Our **library** sessions are as follows: **2M** is on **Monday** afternoon and **2S** is on **Tuesday** afternoon. This is a time when children can choose a book to take home and share with their families. Library books need to be **returned** the following week on library day.

Numeracy/Maths

Maths will be taught using the Maths Mastery approach. This involves the children using equipment to understand concepts and a lot of discussion relating to the maths vocabulary used.

We will be concentrating on:

Counting, ordering and writing numbers to 100.

Adding /subtracting two numbers together, up to 100.

Multiplication and division

Time: To the nearest 5 mins. eg. 10 past 4

Fractions: Halves, quarters and thirds

Other subjects

Topic Work - This half-term we will be learning about materials (wood, paper, metal, glass, plastic, brick)
In particular their properties.

Next half-term we will cover 'Healthy Lifestyle and Eating'.

Our topic work covers most of our Science, Geography and History work as well as Art, DT and Music.

ICT- 'Bug Club' to support their home reading.
'My Maths' to support home learning.
Pixl times-tables

P.E - Wednesday indoors for both classes.

Friday - outdoors for both classes.

Please ensure that your child has a **named PE kit** and plimsolls/trainers.

If your child has pierced ears kindly make sure that they are either removed at home or that your child can take them out independently.

Due to safety reasons head scarves are not permitted in PE lessons.

Home Learning

Home learning will be topic based and set half termly.

In addition the following could be practised on a daily basis at home:

Spelling Words

Spelling numbers as words to 20

Lunch Time

Just a quick reminder that hot school meals are available. These need to be pre-ordered using the on-line service 'Live-kitchen.co.uk'

Before you log-in you need to have a password. A reminder of your password can be obtained from the office.

Please note any meals that are pre-ordered and not used due to absence may be charged. It is your responsibility to cancel your order beforehand. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure that they do not bring in food containing nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks

Home/school diary

Each child has a Home/school diary, which is used to liaise with you about your child. Your child needs to bring this book in every day. However please feel free to come in and see us if you have any additional questions or queries. You may need to make an appointment to discuss any concerns that can not be dealt with in a short time. Please notify the office if you wish to do this.

End of the day

Please note that the school day starts at **8.40am** and ends at **3 o'clock**. If for any reason you cannot pick your child up on time please inform the office immediately.

We appreciate that sometimes unforeseen circumstances mean that you may ask another adult to collect your child from school at short notice. We would like to remind you that to ensure the safety of your child, we will not be able to send him/her home with a different adult without the office being notified first.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Year 2 Staff