

# Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and that the children are ready for the new term ahead. We are looking forward to introducing the class to many new and exciting activities and we are sure they will enjoy working in their new



Our big question for the first half term is, “What would you do if you found a polar bear in the desert?”. This will include studying living things in their habitats and comparing our lives to people who live in a very different place to us!

In RE we will be looking at Christianity. Our key question will be “Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?” PSHE for the term will follow the theme of ‘Living in the Wider World’, thinking about respecting each other and being a valuable part of community.

Next half term, our entry question will be “What would you find in a nurse’s pocket?”. We will be looking at famous nurses throughout history.

In RE, we will be thinking about Christmas, answering the question, “Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?”. We will also be practicing and performing our nativity play alongside Year 1.

## Reading and Homework

We will begin the term by hearing each child read in order to assign the books they will bring home. Each week your child will bring home 2 reading scheme books. Please indicate in the reading record when these have been read. **The books will only be changed when it has been recorded they have been read.**

### 2B

Homework and reading books collected on Friday.

### 2L

Homework and reading books collected on Wednesday.

Spelling tests will also take place on these days.

Please encourage your child to read a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction, to foster a love of reading.

## Library

The children will continue to borrow books for the school library every week. We will inform you of the changeover

## **PE**

Please ensure your child has a full kit with them in school every day and that everything is named! As the weather gets colder, you may wish to consider sending in a tracksuit in black or green for your child to wear during outdoor games. If you would like to purchase a House coloured PE t-shirt please visit the school office.

## **Cooking**

As you know, cooking is an important part of the DT curriculum and we would be very grateful for any parents who could offer to cook with a small group of children, on a regular basis. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can book a suitable slot in the food technology room. We will advise of any monetary contributions once this is up and running.

## **Drinks and aprons**

Please ensure that your child has a *named* water bottle (sports-cap type) in school every day. Please could you also send in an apron or old shirt for your child to use during art lessons.

## **Finally...**

Many thanks for all your help in these areas. Please remember if you have any questions we are always happy to talk to you. After school is usually better, as we are not about to start out teaching day. However, we are in the playground from 8.45am so if it is something urgent please do let us know.