

Spring Term in Class 2



Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Christmas break and your children are refreshed ready for a busy Spring term ahead. I would like to start by saying thank you to all of you who have welcomed me to Landscope already this week. It has been lovely meeting you, and I look forward to getting to know everyone throughout this year. If you have any concerns, however small they may seem, please don't hesitate to get in touch, whether this is grabbing me at the end of the day or making an appointment through the office. By doing this, we can deal with things promptly and in the best interests of your child.

This term we will continue to be supported by Mrs Drew, Miss Raymont and Miss Kearle. Mrs Ryder will also carry on teaching in Class 2 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to cover my out of class time. This term she will be teaching FaB, Art and Design and PSHE, all in relation to our topic 'Fire Fire!'. Mr Tanner will also be teaching PE on Thursday afternoons this half term.

Morning arrangements reminder

As Miss Trist outlined in her Autumn term welcome letter, the morning arrangements remain the same for both Year 1 and 2 children. Please can you use the side entrance to access the school's playground. The children can be dropped off from 8.45am and school officially starts on the whistle at 8.55am. The children can put their bookbags into the boxes outside on the playground. The children will then enter the school via the middle doors passing their pegs on their way into the classroom.

Topic

Our Spring term topic is Fire Fire! As part of this, we will be immersing ourselves into the History of the Great Fire of London and therefore if your child has anything at home in relation to this they are welcome to bring it in to share. Please take a look at the topic web on the Class 2 page for more information. I will also be adding some useful websites to our class page so look out for these to support your child's learning at home.

PE

The children will be doing PE on Thursday afternoons with Mr Tanner this term. Despite this, they will need to have their kit in school all week to cater for timetable changes/extra sessions. Please can you continue to send in a named water bottle to school. Water bottles will be sent home on a Friday so that they can be refreshed for a new week. Any personal belongings that are kept in school must be labelled please. After half term, Class 2 will be going swimming with Class 1, further information will be passed on regarding this nearer the time.

Wild Woodland Learning

This term, WWL offers many curriculum links to our topic and therefore will take place on Tuesday afternoons up until February half term. The first session will take place on 21.01.20 and the last session will be on 11.02.20. Children will need appropriate clothing for this; wellies, waterproof jackets, trousers and warm layers please as we will aim to go outside in (nearly) all weathers!

Reading

Please continue to send in bookbags daily. Year 1 children will continue reading in the same way as Class 1. Mrs Drew will check and change books on a Monday and Thursday provided you have initialed or commented in the reading record book. I will also sign their reading record books when they participate in guided reading sessions. We assess their reading each half term and children will start using Accelerated Reader once they have passed the first online test. For those that are already using Accelerated Reader, they will continue to choose one book at a time to read at home and will complete quizzes and change their own book in the school library.

Spellings

Weekly spellings/key words will start next week. Year 1s will continue to be sent key word cards to practice reading and spellings at home. These are checked weekly by Miss Raymont. Year 2s will be given a list of spellings to learn each Friday, which they will be tested on the following Friday. Although Year 1 and 2 children will be able to practice these once a week during guided reading, please try to find a few short opportunities during the week to practice these at home as the spelling patterns are far more likely to become embedded the more they are practiced.

Home learning

Beginning next week, on Fridays I will set a piece of home learning that links with what we are learning in class that week. I hope to keep this varied, including online games from the websites listed. The children may need adult support to complete certain pieces. I will collect in any paper-based homework on Wednesdays.

Lucky's adventures/Show and Tell

Just like during Autumn term, Lucky, the cuddly toy dog is still a valued member of Class 2 and will still head home with a child each weekend. The children can then share their pictures and adventures with the class during 'show and tell'. The new timetable for show and tell is on the classroom door and will begin next Tuesday.

I hope all of this information is helpful. I look forward to working alongside you and thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Jenny Foster
Class 2 Teacher

