

Y1/2 SPRING 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you and your child back to a new term. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year and are well rested, ready for another busy term. I am very much looking forward to the upcoming term and all the exciting things that lie ahead.

Our Learning Journey for this term is based on Discoveries with links to Dinosaurs and Space. We will be using a range of texts to support our learning throughout this term, including Am I yours? Dear Dinosaur, How to look after your Dinosaur, The Darkest Dark and Whatever Next! We will be undertaking a range of exciting and interesting activities to find out as much as we can about Dinosaurs during the first half term and space in the second half term. Please see the termly plan for an overview of some of the learning we will undertake. If you feel you can contribute towards our Learning Journey in any way (artefacts / books / photos, support in class with a particular skill etc.) it would be warmly welcomed.

Expectations

During Key Stage 1, it is important for the children to continue to develop their independence and start to take more responsibility for their learning. I will challenge and support your child in their learning, but will expect your child to do their very best and contribute positively to our class so that we all have a very rewarding and successful year. It is really important that we work together to help your child succeed both personally and academically.

Arrival at school

Good attendance is necessary for good progress. Please ensure your child arrives between **8:45 and 8:55am** ready to start the day. Morning activities (Maths and Literacy based), which consolidate or challenge the children's learning, are set up for this time in readiness for registration of the class by 9am and a smooth transition into the literacy lesson.

Monies and messages

All monies and messages must come into school via myself to assist Mrs Rowlands in the office at the start of the day. It is important for the children to bring monies and messages in for themselves to help them become responsible and independent.

Outdoor clothing

We all know the weather is very changeable at this time of year. Therefore, appropriate clothing must be in school; in particular, a warm/waterproof **coat** should be brought/worn to school every day.

Snack

Snack will be available for Mrs Warner at break times each day, but if your child wants to bring a snack from home please ensure that it is a healthy snack as we are promoting healthy living.

Dinner

As the children are still within Key Stage 1, the children are still entitled to a free school meal each day.

Base 2 Timetable

We will have daily maths and literacy lessons with the afternoons dedicated to our Learning Journey, which will include science, art, design and technology, geography, history, music and computing. There may be times where some of these subjects will be linked due to the nature of the task.

On Wednesday afternoon the children will receive an hour of RE with Mrs Clarke and an hour of PE. We will also have a session of PE on Friday afternoon.

The children will continue to receive a 20 minute French lesson with Madame Sharpe, in their year groups, on Friday mornings.

Base 2 timetable

Day	8.45-9.00	9.00-9.25	9.25 – 10:20	10:20 – 10:40	10.40-11:00	11.00-11.55	11.55 - 12:55	1.00-1.15	1.15 – 1.30	1:30-3:30 (Playtime – 2:30-2:45)		
Monday	Registration and focus activities	Spelling/Phonics	English	Playtime	Guided reading	Maths	Lunchtime	SPAG	Assembly	Learning Journey/story time		
Tuesday		Spelling/Phonics	English		Guided reading	Maths		SPAG	Assembly	Learning journey/story time		
Wednesday		Spelling/Phonics	English		Guided reading	Maths		PPA – PE and RE				
Thursday		Spelling/Phonics (Spelling test)	English		Assembly	Maths		SPAG	Assembly	Learning journey/story time		
Friday		Spelling/Phonics	English		Guided reading	Maths		PE		Learning journey/story time	Assembly	

PE

PE kits (red top, black shorts/trousers, trainers, black jumper) must be in school EVERYDAY, especially Wednesday and Friday. PE kits should then be taken home to be washed over the weekend and brought back into school on Monday. There may be opportunities during our Learning Journey lessons for additional PE sessions so PE kits may be needed on other days. The children will be reminded that it is their responsibility to make sure PE kits are in school.

Homework

Once the children are settled and we have gained baseline assessments, regular homework will be sent on the following days:

- Literacy or Maths**
 An English or Maths based homework will be sent home once a week on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday, this will consolidate our learning in class or may be a research based activity.
- Times Tables -Test day Friday (Year 2 children)**
 To be practised at least 5 times throughout the week before the test.
- Spellings -Test day Thursday**
 To be practised 5 times throughout the week before the test.

- **Daily Reading**

Reading should be done daily, for at least 15 minutes, with comments written in the reading record.

Home time Arrangements

It is very important that the Home Time Arrangement sheet is completed and brought back to school. Please do notify me of any changes to home time arrangements at Meet or Greet in the morning or by phoning the school office.

Open door

My door is always open and I am always very happy to help should you have any concerns, wish to share information that is relevant to your child's well-being or require additional information regarding your child and their learning or progress. I will be at the door every morning or you can arrange a time to meet with me at a time that is convenient for the both of us.

I am looking forward to another exciting and enjoyable year with you and your child.

Kind regards,

Miss McKinnon