

Class 2W Newsletter

Tuesday 1st November 2011

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fun and restful break! Only 55 days until Christmas!

Our Learning

This half-term our topic is "How does it get there?" Our focus is upon travel and transport and, following on from our 'Save the Planet' topic last half-term, we will be considering greener ways to travel. Please see the reverse of this letter to see more detail about what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas. We were so busy with our learning last half-term that we stopped doing passports... and it looks set to be another busy half-term. Please ask your child what they have learnt each day, rather than how they are doing with their passport.

Reading

It is really important that you read with your child at home. Children make much better progress in reading if their learning at school is followed up at home – even if it is just a few pages or a few minutes a day. Stickers are awarded to children if comments have been written in their reading diary to show that they have read at home. Thank you to everyone who makes a big effort to read at home and to bring their book bag every day.

PE

Thank you to everyone who makes sure their child's PE kit is in school all week. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week, including suitable pumps or trainers, to ensure that your child does not miss out on this important part of the curriculum. PE days change so please bring your kit on Monday and don't take it home until Friday. Please ensure all clothing is named. We are much more likely to find a lost jumper with a name in it!

Winter clothing

Please make sure your child has suitable clothing for the cold and wet weather, especially a coat. Please name your winter clothing.

Water bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school every day, containing only water. It is really important that your child has access to water throughout the day so please remember to bring those bottles.

Homework

Well done to everyone who researched their flag. There were some colourful and informative learning logs. Please remember to return your learning logs if you haven't already. They are an important part of your child's learning and sadly breaktimes will be lost in order to complete missing homework.

Your child will be bringing home their Summer diary before we break up for the Christmas break – to turn into a Winter diary! In the meantime, please keep reading every day and remember to use your Phonics and Maths packs. When you do, mention it in your child's Reading Diary for them to earn a sticker. If there's anything you need to help your child please ask.

Spelling

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday for a spelling test the following Monday. Please keep helping your child to learn their spellings. It is clear to see by the marks children get who has been practicing!

Timestables

Children need to know their timestables off by heart. We learn the 2, 5 and 10x table first followed by the 3x table. Extra support at home will be very beneficial – even if it's just reciting them on the way to school! If you have been learning number facts or when you do, please write this in your child's reading diary to help them to earn a sticker.

Art and DT

We are still welcoming any donations of boxes for our Art and Design Technology ventures. We would also welcome newspapers, and any old shirts that we can use as painting aprons. Thank you!

Save our Planet

Thanks to your support, Class 2W have successfully raised enough money to sponsor Millie, our dog at Leeds Dogs' Trust, for another year. Thank you for buying tickets, bringing costumes and supporting your child with their part. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it!

Christmas Play

Please keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks for letters detailing the Christmas play, including your child's part and costumes required. See 'dates for your diary' below.

Airport Visit

As part of our Travel and Transport topic, we will be visiting Leeds/Bradford airport by mini bus this half term (see 'dates for your diary' below). Please keep an eye out next week for a letter requiring your permission.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th November Remembrance Service
Monday 14th November Sustainable School Week
Tues 15th/Weds 16th Nov Airport trip

Friday 18th November Children in Need
Wednesday 14th December Class 2W Christmas play

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.
Yours sincerely, Miss Watson, Miss Jacquie and Mrs. Walton