

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2018

What a great start to the term! Your child has settled in well and they have been enjoying our work on 'The Pride of Northampton'. We are very much looking forward to the rest of the autumn term and working with you and your child.

The Team

Holly Class: Miss Taylor and Miss Paul

Willow Class: Miss Bird and Mrs Darkwa

Mrs Bacon and Mr Thomas will be teaching the children on Thursday afternoons for RE and PE.

PE - please make sure that your child has **suitable, named** PE kit in school **every day**. Also, please make sure your child is not wearing earrings on a PE day and that long hair is tied back. It would be great if you could encourage your child to practise independently taking out their own earrings for occasions when we have extra PE.

Our PE lessons will **usually** be on Monday afternoons and Thursday afternoons, but PE kit needs to be in school all week please.

Water Bottles - please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school every day. The children are only allowed water in their bottles please, not squash or juice.

Reading - regular reading is extremely important as it benefits all areas of learning. With this in mind, we would ask that you hear your child read at home as often as possible, preferably a few minutes every day. You can communicate with us about their reading, via their reading record book but please alert us to there being a message there. Please keep this safe in their book bag, which needs to come to school every day. We will encourage your child to change their reading book regularly. We will hear your child read, across the curriculum, but we may not always record it.

Homework book - this will be in your child's book bag. This will usually be used for phonics/spelling and grammar practise and maths activities. We will send home weekly spelling lists linked to our phonics work and spelling rules.

Please keep checking the whiteboards in the outdoor area, as we will communicate any important information there.

Please have a look at our (attached) topic web for our outline plans and areas of learning for the term.

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment for the end of the day with one of the teaching assistants who will be welcoming the children each morning. (Please let a member of staff know if there is a message in your child's homework book or reading record book when you drop your child off.)

Many thanks,

Kathryn Bird and Jess Taylor