



## Year 2, Purple Class, Spring Term Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Ahead of us, is another busy and exciting term. We hope that the children will be equally excited about everything we have planned for them!

### Curriculum

Our main topic this term is CASTLES. Please see the curriculum overview for the term on the reverse of this letter which follows the National Curriculum. Please feel free to bring in books, leaflets or other items relevant to our topic. If children do independent learning at home we would also like to see that. We have planned a theme day and trip connected to the topic: more details regarding these will follow soon. In Math we will be concentrating on Statistics, Recording and Problem Solving in Addition and Subtraction, Time, Multiplication, Division and Times Tables. In English we will use the Castles theme to explore poetry, stories with repeated language, reports, and using familiar stories to write new ones.

### Reading books

The children will have regular opportunities to read to an adult this term and can change books as often as they wish. We would like children to begin taking more responsibility for changing their own book independently this term. Children will need to bring their **book bag** and **green reading record every day**. It is really important in Year 2 that children continue to be reading at home everyday with an adult or older sibling. This could be their school reading book or a book from home.

### Family Reading

As it will be a short term we will have Family Reading twice this term. We ask parents/ carers or relatives to join us at the end of the day (**2.45pm-3.10pm**) on the Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

### Home Learning

Home learning activities will be given out weekly on a Wednesday. We will give the children a home-learning book to record their work. Children will need to complete a spelling and mathematics activity. This will need to be returned the following Wednesday. We may also give optional home learning tasks related to our topic.

### PE

We continue to do the daily mile--in most weather! PE will be on Mondays (dance) and Friday (games). Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school all week as PE days do occasionally have to change. PE kit includes: a green and white PE top (ordered from Stevensons) or a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black/navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and trainers/plimsolls (to change into). **Please ensure all PE kit and uniform is named.**

### Assemblies and performances:

Year 2 will be sharing a class assembly on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. All parents/ carers are welcome to come along and watch. The assembly will start promptly at 9:15.

If you want to speak to us about anything, please do not hesitate to come into school; the end of the day is usually the best time. Finally, we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all of you and your children for making our first term so enjoyable and for all your support. Best wishes for the term ahead,

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