



# Year 2 Spring term newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! The year 2 team would like to thank you for all your support you have given us in the autumn term. We wanted to give you an outline of some of the work Year 2 will be covering this term. We hope it will help you talk to your child about what they have been doing in school and enable you to become more involved - any support you can give at home makes a great difference.

## Year 2 Spring term topics

**History:** Significant women in the history- Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

**Science:** Animals including humans - Diet and exercise

**RE:** Rites of passage and celebrations.

**Literacy:** stories, biography and recount writing.

**Maths:** Place value, addition and subtraction, reasoning and shapes.

**Art:** Sketching

## Trips and visitors

### Friday 9th January



Year 2 will be visited by Florence Nightingale workshop as part of their history topic. Your child will use their experience in the workshop to help them write a biography in their Literacy lessons and will help them understand more about significant people.

## Reading

In year 2 we are completing a star reader scheme to encourage the children to read a range of different genres. How many books can you read? Try and achieve your first or next badge on your star reader scheme. Ask your teacher for a booklet!

- Read **5 Books** and receive a **Bronze certificate**.
- Read **12 books** and receive a **Silver Certificate**.
- Read **20 books** and receive a **Gold Certificate**.

Earn certificates as you journey towards the ultimate goal of the very special **Wood End Park Academy Star Reader badge**.

A great emphasis is placed on reading for meaning and developing comprehension skills. Please read a little every night and discuss the text so that comprehension skills improve. Please continue to fill in the Reading Record book and bring it to school every day. We will be concentrating on developing writing based on repetitive stories and recounts. We will focus on use of the past tense, adverbs and apostrophes. Spellings will continue to be tested on Tuesdays. Encourage your child to write at every opportunity, e.g. birthday cards, shopping list, diary etc. Please try to visit the library.

## Homework

Thank you for your efforts in helping your child with their homework. Please be aware that Maths and English homework is handed out on a Thursday and should be returned no later than the following Tuesday.

The homework we set helps prepare your child for what they will be learning the following week so it is vital that this is completed. Once again, thank you for all your support.

## **Attendance**

Thank you for all of your efforts this term ensuring that children are in school each day. Looking ahead to spring, it is important that this commitment to attendance is continued as coming to school every day greatly contributes to learning and progress.

## **Uniform**

Our Year 2 children always look so smart in their uniform and with your help have been the smartest year group! We would love to see this continued into the spring term. Please remember that children need to wear suitable jackets, hats, gloves and scarves at break and lunch because they will be playing outside. Also, please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle to help them stay hydrated during the day, this is very important.

## **Handwriting**

Handwriting is still a big focus in Year 2. The children should be beginning to use the joins in their letters in order for them to eventually start joining their letters together. Please encourage the children to do this in their homework or any other writing they do at home.