



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2,

We hope you've had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. Year 2 is a wonderful year. We see the children grow in maturity, independence and height as well as by the amount of teeth they lose! We have lots of interesting topics this year; our first topic is 'London Now and Then' where we learn about, The Great Fire of London, The Blitz and famous Londoners. To enrich this topic we will be visiting The Lincolnsfield Centre on the 7th December where we will take part in the 1940s experience. You will receive another letter regarding this trip nearer the time.

Our topic in the Spring Term is 'Where would you rather live?' where we will compare the local areas of Great Missenden and Watford. We will therefore be visiting Great Missenden in February; the home town of the famous author Roald Dahl, and most importantly Café Twit!

Our Summer term topic is 'I do like to be beside the seaside' where we look at how the seaside has changed over time.

Year 2 team

Beech 2



Miss Tiffany
Denny
Class
Teacher



Mrs Suman
Jolly
Teaching
Assistant
(HLTA)

Birch 2



Miss Lynda
Marriott
Class Teacher
Assistant
Head



Mrs
Dominique
Sheldon
Class
Teacher



Mrs Fran
Lawrence
Teaching
Assistant

Reading books

The children are expected to read three times a week. Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and a Thursday if the Reading Record has been signed and each book has been read twice. Questioning children on their understanding of what they are reading is crucial in Year 2 and supporting them to use evidence from the text to justify their ideas is essential.

Home learning expectations

All children will be given a home learning journal. The children are expected to complete a task from the home learning grid per week. Alongside this children are expected to read three times a week and practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times-tables. If you feel you need support with any of these please don't hesitate to come in and speak to member of the Year 2 team.

Phonics and Spelling

The teaching of phonics continues in Year 2 and it remains vital that children practise their phonic sounds regularly. The children are also introduced to phase 6 phonics where they learn specific spelling rules. Ask your child what spelling rule they are looking at each week and they might be able to teach you a new rule! As well as this, children must continue to practise reading and spelling the high frequency words.

PE days

Birch 2 – Miss Marriott and Mrs Sheldon	Beech 2 – Miss Denny
Tuesday- Indoor	Wednesday - Indoor
Monday - Outdoor	Monday - Outdoor

Please ensure that all kits should be in line with the school policy and brought in everyday in case of changes in timetabling.

Library

Library day is a Thursday.

Children can choose two books to take home and return the following week. Please note that they will not be able to take out new books without returning the previous ones.

PPA

Miss Marriott, Mrs Sheldon and Miss Denny will have planning, preparation and assessment time on Thursday afternoons. Both classes will be covered by Mr Johnson and Mrs Jolly

Dates to remember

Sharing assemblies:

Birch 2: Friday 1st December 2017

Beech 2: Friday 19th January

Parent helpers

We welcome parents in the classroom. If you would like to help by listening to children read or if you have any other special talents you could share please let us know. We would really appreciate your support.

Thank you,
Lynda Marriott, Dominique Sheldon and Tiffany Denny