



# Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Autumn 2 2015

Welcome back to the start of the new term.

## Topic

This half term our topic is 'What is our school building made from?'

As part of the topic we will be learning all about:

- The materials that were used to build our school and why they were chosen.
- The properties of different materials.
- Which materials are suitable for which part of our building.
- The changing shape of materials - squishing, bending, twisting and stretching.
- The design of buildings and how we can make a model of one using chosen materials.

To make our topic a success I'm calling on all dads and granddads (or mums and grandmas!) to donate small items of building materials. This is so that children can experience first-hand what these materials feel like and how they could be used. I would welcome donations of bricks (only a few!), plastic and metal piping, a roof tile, cement or other joining materials safe to touch, tiles, wood and any other small items of building material you can think of!

## Maths

Maths will see us working on the skills we already know to make sure we are secure. This will include fractions, shape and space and geometry.

## PE

PE days have changed this half term - Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Csorba and Thursday afternoons with me. Please ensure your child has PE kit in school and that any earrings are removed on these days.

## Homework

**English** - Children will continue to bring home a piece of English homework - spellings, grammar, punctuation etc

**Maths** - Children will continue to bring home maths homework which will be linked to what we have been learning in class.

Home will still be sent out on Wednesday to be returned the following Monday. Children who return their homework the day after it is given will be given a bonus Dojo point on top of the 1 Dojo per piece of homework returned.

**Spelling** - From this week spellings will start again, with children bringing a new list of spelling home to learn for the following Friday.

Once again, if you have anything you need to discuss with me, I'm usually in school from 8.20 and leave by 4.30. If it's a lengthy issue please make an appointment for after school, I can then dedicate the time needed without having to rush.

Mrs Wells