



## Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Summer 1 2016

Welcome back to the start of the new term.

### Topic

This half term our topic is 'Kings and Queens'

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

- Significant individuals in the past
- How their lives differ to ours
- The countries that were ruled by the 'British Empire'
- Different art techniques
- Continents and oceans around the 'British Empire'
- Designs of clothing from the time when the Queen came to the throne
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### English

This half term we will be focusing on stories with familiar settings, particularly those written by the same author. For example for the next 2 weeks we are looking at stories by Judith Kerr. Year 2 children will continue to focus on their English reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar in preparation for the National Curriculum tests in May.

### 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 division. We will also look at problem solving and reasoning skills.

### PE

PE days this half term are Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Csorba and Thursday afternoons with me or Miss Pitchford. Please ensure your child has PE kit in school and that any earrings are removed on these days. This half term I want to get outside to do PE as much as possible, especially as we will be learning the skills of tennis, lots of space is essential! Unfortunately if for whatever reason your child does not have their PE kit in school, they will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

### Homework

Children will continue to bring home Maths and English homework. Sometimes they will have a slightly longer piece of homework linked to our topic. If this is the case however, they will only bring home one piece of homework for that week.

**Phonics** – Children will begin to bring home example words from the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which will take place late week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Further information about the check will be sent out shortly.

## **Homework – Year 2**

All Year 2 children have been invited to a homework club on Thursdays (3.15pm – 4.15pm). During the session I will focus on anything that children are unsure of in Maths and SPAG. I am being guided by the children and will be flexible on content, so whatever they will need I will try to cover. Any child who attends will not have Maths homework sent home, as this will be covered during the session. Please do look on Class Story where I have listed suitable websites which children can access to practice their skills.

## **Parents meeting regarding National Curriculum tests**

Miss Seward will hold a short talk with parents after homework club this week. This will be a very informal meeting to make parents aware of the new National Curriculum tests, how we are preparing children in school and what should be expected. Again the message will be to please not put your child under any unnecessary pressure, look at any guidance that I have previously referred you to via Class Story, particularly the parent information clip and that whilst the tests are important, they are not life changing!

**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