

# Year 2 Newsletter No.1

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017



## We are NOT Couch Potatoes!

Welcome to Year 2. I hope you and your child have enjoyed the summer break and I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

This half term our topic is **Fighting Fit!** We will be finding out about our bodies, what we need for survival, and how to keep our bodies healthy. We will also explore the use of medicines to improve health when we're unwell. The children will also be focusing on exercise and participating in dance and gymnastics activities in our **PE** lessons this term.

This week in **Mathematics** we have been focusing on counting, writing numbers to 100, number words, place value and finding numbers on a number line.

Our **English** work this week has linked to the story "Supertato: Run, Veggies Run!" by Sue Hendra. The children have been exploring and identifying verbs in the text and we have focused on sentence structure. We have also been revising our phonics and introduced cursive handwriting with lead in and lead out strokes.



In **Science** we are looking at **Animals – Animal Survival and Growth**. We have explored the basic needs for survival and begun looking at healthy foods. The children have been investigating fruits and which are the class favourites. The children enjoyed sampling a range of fruits and recording their findings in charts.

In our **Music** activities we have begun exploring music from South Africa and Latin America.

Our **ICT** work this week has focused on E-Safety and ways to keep safe when using computers, other devices and when accessing websites. This links to our British Values.

### How you can help...

#### Homework this week:

- **Reading** – Your child has been provided with new reading books this week. Books will be changed each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please spend 10 minutes every day reading or sharing a book with your child.
- **English** – Phonics revision ay/ai sheet.
- **Mathematics** – Place value sheet. Recognising the value of each digit.

**Homework** – this is normally set on a Thursday and should be returned on a Monday. You will be notified by text message if any changes are made to this depending on the tasks set each week.

Thank you.



### Things to remember...

#### PE Kits

Your child's PE lessons are on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit available in school next week if you have not already sent one into school. Thank you.

#### Water Bottles

Please send in a named water bottle for your child to access water as they need it.

#### Diary dates:

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Autumn Praise Performances @ 2:00 & 6:00pm
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service @ St. Christopher's at 9:30am

# Next Week – We are Reading Ninjas!

In our **English** work we will begin exploring traditional tales with a twist. We will be exploring “The Three Ninja Pigs” by David Bedford and Becca Moor – an alternative story based around the traditional tale “The Three Little Pigs”. The children will be collecting verbs and adjectives and exploring story maps and discussing ideas for writing. We will also introduce our new spelling curriculum and the “No Nonsense” Spelling approach in class.



In **Mathematics** we will continue working on place value, comparing numbers and look at rounding numbers to the nearest ten using a number line. We will be ordering sets of numbers and recalling number facts. Your child will also be introduced to the x10 table.

Our **RE** work this week will introduce our topic The Bible: Why is it a special book?



## Congratulations!



A big “thumbs up” to **all** our new class members. It has been a super first week back at school and everyone has settled in well to their new classroom routines, many of whom have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** this week!

You have set an excellent standard for the rest of the year - Keep it up!



***Star Writer of the Week – Lucy Southword***  
***Marvellous Mathematician of the Week – Jack Durose***  
***Christian Value of Thankfulness – Isaac Prince***

Thank you for all your help and support,  
Mrs. Ramsay