

# Year 2 Newsletter

July 2017

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into Year 2 and inform you about the exciting Autumn term ahead. The teachers working in Y2 this year will be **Miss Knott (Mrs Offord from September), Miss Taylor and Miss Rutherford**. We are fortunate enough to have Mrs Emmingham, Mrs Adams and Mrs Taylor supporting us. Miss Knott will continue as Key Stage 1 Phase Leader, should you ever need further support.

Our first topic for the year will be...

## 'Famous People'

During the first half term, our Learning Journey will be both interesting and inspirational as children will find out about the lives of famous people, both in the past and the present. The questions which will lead our journey are;

What made Florence Nightingale a heroine?

What are the positives and negatives about being famous?

Can you create a picture inspired by the illustrator Lauren Child?

We will learn about why people become famous and how they inspire, help and entertain others with their achievements and discoveries. In Literacy, we will be reading books by famous authors and thinking about why they have become so famous. We will also be learning to write biographies. In Art, children will be learning to sketch portraits of famous people and design frames to put them in. As historians, we will be thinking about famous people in the past and we are looking forward to a visit from Florence Nightingale.

## Home Learning

We ask you to continue reading with your children regularly. This is key in helping children to progress with their reading skills. In Year 2, it is important to ask the children questions about what they have read and ask for their opinions about the plot, characters or setting. Children will receive home learning every Friday which will be due in the following Thursday, so that it can be marked. Children will also be sent home with key spellings on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Some children will be using Spelling Zappers as we find these really support the children with their Literacy learning and would ask parents to support this learning at home as well.

### Timetable

The school day begins at 8:40, when the teaching staff will collect children from the yard. All children must wait on the yard to be collected by their teacher unless it is raining heavily, then the teaching staff will collect the children early, at 8:35. Parents must not follow classes into the school building but leave their child at the lining up spots on the playground.

The children will be taken to the drop off area at the end of the day and sent to their parents/carers who will be visibly waiting for them.

### What do children need everyday?

☺ Indoor PE kit (plimsolls, shorts and house team t-shirt) and Outdoor PE kit (tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers) to be in school from Monday to Friday. Children with their ears pierced must remove their own earrings before taking part in P.E. Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Thursday**.

☺ Book bag with reading book and home school journals daily

☺ Drinks bottle with water

☺ Coat

Please do not send your children to school with a rucksack or pencil case.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions about what happens in Y2 or your child's progress (the best time to catch us is after school). We are looking forward to working with you all.