

Year 2 Newsletter September 2023

Welcome to Year 2. We hope your child is feeling settled in their new Year 2 Class, we are certainly off to a great start!  
Below you will find information which will help you understand how Year 2 works.

Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter @yr2melthamce to see what we get up to. We will also post reminders and lost property on there!  
If you have any questions please email your class teacher and we will try our best to help.

**Year 2 Staff**

- Class 5 Teacher - Mrs Stocks and Miss Ellis
- Class 6 Teacher - Miss Hives
- Educational Teaching Assistants (ETA) - Mrs Booth and Mrs Parker
- PPA Cover Teachers - Mrs Hudson and Mrs Myers

**Reading at Home**

Reading at home with an adult is crucial to all children's reading development. Please try to read with your child for 10 minutes a day. This could be any form of reading, not just a school reading book. Your child could read a shopping list, magazine, menu etc. Anything that engages your child to read, counts!  
Please record this in your child's yellow reading record so we can see the lovely reading you are doing.

**Homework**

Homework is usually set on a Friday. We go through the homework on a Friday afternoon so the children know what to do. They may require adult support at home to complete it. Please feel free to add any comments to your child's homework and the Class teacher will read them. Our homework is usually maths based and relates to what we have learnt during the week. Occasionally we may set larger project based work.

**PE**

For this half term, PE is on a Friday. Please send your child to school on a Friday in their PE kits. **Please make sure all earrings are removed for health and safety.**

**Forest School**

We will have a Forest School session every Tuesday. Please send your child to school in appropriate outdoor clothing e.g. long sleeve top, long trousers, wellies/walking boots/trainers, waterproof coat/all in one. Please bring a spare pair of shoes for your child to change into so we do not have a muddy classroom or cold feet.

**Spellings**

Next week phonics lessons will be starting up again, this means weekly spelling tests will no longer take place as they will happen during the phonics lesson instead. Spelling sheets will be sent home but they will match what has been taught in class. All we ask is that you look through these sheets to help assist your child's learning and practice them at home in your own special way as no formal test will take place in class anymore.

**Important information:**

- Class assembly Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9:10am
- Florence visit: the children are lucky enough to have a special visit from Florence Nightingale to introduce their new history topic. This is kept as a surprise and your child will not find out she is coming until they step foot into their classroom. This is happening on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, a letter with further information on will be sent out soon.