

Topaz Class Autumn Term Newsletter 2017

We have an exciting year ahead, packed with fun and interesting topics. I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout the year. If there is something that I have missed out of this newsletter, don't hesitate to come in and ask about it. I will endeavour to keep you up-to-date with any changes. Registration starts promptly at 8.50am however I will be available for a quick chat before then. I am happy to talk after school if you would like more time.

Reading

The children will continue to progress through the reading colour scheme. It is still incredibly important for the children to enjoy reading and discussing their books with you. To encourage this the class will continue their reading competition- 'Reading Superheroes'. They will be ready for take off soon and instructions for their use will be included.

Homework

In Year Two the children will be expected to read as regularly as possible and to learn spellings. We will continue to learn spelling patterns and I will keep you informed of what they are. We may spend longer than a week on more complex patterns, therefore spelling tests may be weekly or fortnightly. In Year Two the children will also be expected to learn number facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, pairs of numbers that add or subtract to or from 10 and 20 and halves and doubles of numbers. Abacus Maths homework will continue as soon as possible. I have changed the passwords so that the site is easier to access in class. These passwords are on their log-in book-marks.

P.E.

P.E. lessons are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. When the colder weather arrives a cold weather kit would be of benefit- tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. In line with the county council's health and safety policy, earrings must be removed for P.E.. Some parents tend to have their child's ears pierced during the holidays in order to avoid their child missing out on fun PE sessions.

Welcome to Year Two!

OUR TOPIC

WHEELS, WINGS and OTHER THINGS!

Our topic this half-term will be all about transport and significant people throughout history who have influenced its progress. I very much welcome the class bringing in toys, photos, books, posters or *anything* related to this topic. We will be having a bike day and I am in the process of booking a trip to the Ipswich Transport Museum on 4th October. During the second half-term, we will be looking at significant people in history that are famous for rescues they have made. We will look at Grace Darling and the role of light houses in sea rescues.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Visit to The Ipswich Transport Museum on the 4th October. Volunteers gladly welcomed.
- We will be having a bike day on **Friday 15th September**. The children will be allowed to bring in a bike. Please leave it in the bike shed. It is not a problem if your child does not have a bike, no one will be made to feel left out. If your child wants to ride their bike in school, they **must** have a helmet. Bikes are preferable however if they don't have one but have a scooter they could bring that in.
- Meet the teacher will be after school on Wednesday 13th September.
- After-school open class will be on a Tuesday each week.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. If you write a note in your child's reading record, just remind them to show me! I wouldn't want to miss something that is important.

Thank-you in advance for your support,
Miss. Eglington