

Class 2 Newsletter Autumn 2022

This half term staffing arrangements for Class 2 are as follows:

Monday: Mrs Amareia (AM) Mrs Brindle (PM)

Tuesday: Mrs Amareia (AM) Mrs Brindle (PM)

Wednesday: Mrs Amareia (AM) *Mr Wood (PM for PE)*

Thursday: Mrs Amareia (AM) Mrs Brindle (PM)

Friday: Mrs Amareia (AM) Mrs Brindle (PM) + *Mr Wood (PM – alternate weeks)*

Welcome back to the new school year and the new Year 2 and 3 children! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and made lots of memories.



Class 2's new topic this half term is **'What is an insect?'**

Let's start the school year! Grab your coat and pooter – we're going out and about on a minibeast hunt. Sweep your nets in ponds and lift up logs to see who's home. Then set up a minibeast laboratory and observe their every move. Add notes and labels and ask research questions, just like a real entomologist. Learn about bees and worms and butterflies too. Can you make a food chain to show who eats who? Carry out investigations to find out more, like how far a snail travels in a day and

how a spider catches its prey. Then animate to show how your favourite bug transforms from one form to another, perhaps a caterpillar to a butterfly or a maggot to a fly. On your belly, legs at the ready, it's time to wriggle and crawl and find out what an insect is!

What is an insect? Main topic focus (Science)

Class read	Harry the poisonous centipede
English	Narrative, diary entry and instructions
Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction
Science	Living things and their habitats
Computing	Coding and Online safety
Geography	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns
History	N/A
DT	N/A
Art	Observational drawing of minibeasts, Making 3D mini-beast models
MFL	I'm learning French

PE

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. For PE lessons, a named indoor and outdoor PE kit is required. This includes dark coloured shorts; a school PE top a track suit and suitable trainers. Please name everything to ensure lost and found items can be returned easily.

Water Bottles

So that your child can have access to water throughout the day, please provide a named water bottle which can be kept in the classroom and re-filled.

Reading

Practice makes perfect! We value the impact that reading at home has on your child's progress. A reward system is in place in school to encourage children to read at home. This includes raffle tickets with an Amazon voucher to spend for a child in each year group. Every time your child reads at home and they get your signature they get a raffle ticket. The more tickets the more chance of a prize! Please remind your child to bring in their signed reading record every day of the week as they will be heard reading at school by a member of staff.

Times tables – KIFS (Key instant recall facts)

Daily practise of times tables and division facts is crucial in Year 2 and 3. In class, all the children practise daily and focus on recall, speed and division facts. Each week, children will be given new times tables to learn so please take time to support your child to learn these. This half term, children in **Year 2 will focus on knowing Number bonds within and up to 20.**

Children in **Year 3 will focus on knowing multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.**

A letter will be stuck each half term in your child's maths homework book explaining the KIRF that your child is learning each half term and will need to be supported with learning them at home too.

Please encourage your child to use the 'Times tables rock stars' website to practise their times tables, their log in details are in their bags. Should they lose it, please ask me for another copy of their log in.

Spellings

Spelling is a continuous focus in all year groups, and each week your child will take home a green spellings book where they will have spellings focusing on a different spelling rule each week. Each week, your child is tested on a new spelling pattern. The spelling pattern is taught and practised within lessons, but will need learning at home. Please encourage your child to do this as the spellings become increasingly more challenging as they move up in year groups. Some weeks your

child may be given a spelling homework sheet to complete, please support them in completing this, this will be in their homework book.

Important dates

Important dates are included on the school newsletter which can be accessed easily on the school website – www.sledmerewetwangfederation.co.uk

Click on the 'Wetwang School' tab at the top and then on the 'Wetwang Newsletters' tab. You'll be able to click on the most recent newsletter or look back at previous ones too. They are well worth a read and contain a list of important diary dates at the end. If you'd like an email version of the newsletter to be sent to you, please call into the office to request this.

Request

To enhance our Art topic, we will be needing some cardboard tubes, pipe cleaners, cardboard egg boxes and small water bottles. Please can you send these into school with your child if you have any.

Thank you

Mrs Amareia and Mrs Brindle

Class 2 Teachers