



Warlingham Village Primary School's



Class Newsletter

Year 2

Autumn 2021

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and that we have a happy and successful year without interruptions! I am very much looking forward to getting to know your children.

Reading

Your child will soon bring home up to three reading books at the phonic level that they are working on. These should be fully decodable and should only contain phonemes that the children have learnt so far. Children will also bring home a library book to practise other reading skills and during the year, may select story books from our class library to read **with** you.



Please fill in your child's reading record with any comment you think is appropriate each time they read to you. **Books will only be changed if there is an entry in the record book.** A list of possible comprehension questions to ask your child will be sent home.

Spellings

As you may remember from the Meet the Teacher video, spelling lists will no longer be sent home to be practised for a test in school. Learning of spellings will be taught in school through an investigative approach. We are trialling this in Year Two and it may be rolled out across the school at a later date.

The time spent previously learning spellings should now be used for additional reading practice at home. Children should read **at least** three times a week with you. A weekly Fluency Passage will also be sent hope for your child to practise reading with expression.



Take-away homework

Our takeaway homework each term is linked to our Discovery Curriculum topic and will be sent home separately. This term our topic is **'Fire, Fire—a Capital Catastrophe'**. In the Spring term our topic is **'Arctic Explorers—A Frozen World'**. In the Summer term our topic is **'Superheroes—Comic Strip and Beyond'**.

Volunteering your time

If anyone would like to volunteer to come into school in the afternoon to hear children read when this is once more possible, please contact me via the office. We really appreciate any support from parents and grandparents and hope that this can be re-introduced soon.

English

This term we will be focussing on:

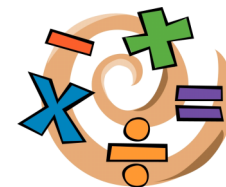
- Narrative writing
- Instructions
- Report Writing
- Punctuation and grammar
- Inference and deduction in reading



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be working on:

- place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division
- measurement and graphs



Handwriting

We will continue to develop cursive handwriting. In the next few weeks, I will send a copy of this home along with some tramline paper, so you can see how to form letters. Some children have started to join their letters and children should always be encouraged to use their best handwriting.

PE

PE will be on **Mondays**. Please ensure that your child **comes to school** in their full School PE kit which they will remain in for the whole day. Please ensure this includes tracksuits/sweatshirts as much of the PE will be taught outside. Earrings should not be worn on this day and long hair should be tied back.

Snack

The children will receive free fruit every day to enjoy at playtime. They should also bring in a drink of **water** in a labelled bottle for use throughout the day.

Discovery Curriculum

This term our main topic is **“Fire, Fire - a Capital Catastrophe”** when we will be learning about The Great Fire of London.’ Our Discovery Curriculum has a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning, taking account of what the children know and would like to know.

At the end of the topic, we will complete a ‘Champion Challenge’, where the children will use all the skills that they have learnt to complete a group challenge.

Just a reminder that Mrs Morley will be teaching in Year Two each Thursday.

Thank you for reading this letter. If you have any questions or problems, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available to speak to parents after school, or if this is not convenient then please phone and make an appointment. I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Mrs Vincent