

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school and we look forward to sharing the next steps on their learning journey at The Ellis with them.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

PE

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Tuesday will be indoor PE lessons and Wednesday will be outdoor. The children will need their PE kits, including appropriate clothing for outdoor PE, for these lessons.

Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y2 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it but it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

Spelling books

The children will be bringing home spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a Friday and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Friday.

You can find The Elms on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllisY2. We use X/Twitter to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

Autumn 1 learning overview

English

We will start the half term by exploring Jim and the Beanstalk. We will be acting out main events to explore characters feelings, a story retell and innovating our own sequels.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills while reading Elvis the Squirrel by Tony Bradman.

Maths

We will learn about place value, ordering numbers and recognising tens and ones. We will then move on to addition and subtraction.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on Animals and Babies – Including Humans this half term. We will learn about animal babies, their names, how they develop and grow and what they need to survive.

History

In History, we will be exploring the question 'How was school different in the past?'

Re

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all the time?'

PE

We will be focusing on fundamentals and ball skills.

Art

In art, we are looking at the elements of art starting with exploring and creating repeating patterns.

Computing

We will be learning about IT around us, exploring the different types of technology we have in school.

Music

We are exploring West African Call and Response song.

Kind regards

Miss Hudson and the Y2 Team