

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school after a well deserved rest over half term 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 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 however 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.

## Homework

Starting next week, we will be introducing homework. A letter will be sent with more detail about what this will entail.

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 2 learning overview

### English

We will start the half term by exploring Tadpole's Promise and creating our own narrative with new characters. Last half term we used this book to create non-fiction writing about a frog's life cycle therefore the children are very familiar with the story and are really enjoying it!

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

### Maths

We will continue to learn skills around addition and subtraction before moving on to shape.

## Science

Our Science learning will focus on Habitats. This topic will include a lot of outdoor learning as we explore bug hotels and microhabitats.

## Geography

This half term we are starting our geography topic. We will be answering the question 'Why don't penguins need to fly?' whilst comparing Antarctica to the Sahara Desert.

## RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

## PE

Our PE topics this half term are invasion games and yoga. Miss Molly will continue to teach our Tuesday PE session until Christmas.

## DT

We are starting our DT topic this half term, exploring structures and shape. Our end outcome is to make an appropriate chair for Baby Bear.

## Computing

In computing, we will be looking at digital photography. We will be exploring different ways of taking photographs and how they can be altered and edited.

## Music

Throughout our music topic we will be exploring orchestral instruments alongside traditional stories.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we are exploring emotions with a focus on worry and anger.

Kind Regards

Miss Hudson and the Y2 Team