

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school after a well deserved rest over Christmas 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. Both of these lessons will be indoors until Easter. The children will need their PE kits on these days. Please could we suggest sending them into school on Monday and your child will return home with them on Wednesday.

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 and 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. There is also access to Spelling Shed to practise these online. 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

Homework has now restarted and you will be able to access one maths and one English based task each week. These will be sent out on Friday's.

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.

Spring 1 learning overview

English

English is looking a little different in Y2! We have started to follow the Read Write Inc Get Writing! Programme. This means all of our Y2 children will be in a RWInc group with a focus on reading fluently, spelling and sentence building in preparation for a big write each week.

We will no longer be doing VIPERS but each day we will have a 20 minute story time where we explore a book as a whole class – you can see what we get up to in these sessions on X (Twitter).

Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning about money before moving onto multiplication and division.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on Materials. We will be doing lots of investigations!

History

Our history topic for this half term is all about flying! We will be exploring the question "How did we learn to fly?" and will discover more about significant people such as the Wright Brothers, Bessie Coleman and Amelia Earhart.

Re

In RE, we are looking at the religion of Islam and learning more about how Muslims pray.

PE

Our PE topics this half term are dance and net and wall games. Miss Molly won't be joining us for these sessions this half term.

Art

This half term in art we are exploring 'Life in colour'. We will be looking at primary and secondary colours as well as experimenting with colour mixing and textures.

Computing

In computing, we are going to be starting a programming unit which looks at robot algorithms!

Music

Our music topic for this half term is 'Musical Me!'

PSHE

In PSHE, we are learning about being responsible. We will learn about staying safe and some life skills such as tying shoelaces.

Kind Regards

Miss Hudson and Y2 Team