

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you managed to have a break over the half term holiday. We have a busy half term and there are lots of whole school events coming up such as Comic Relief, World Book Day and our Walk to church for Easter, so do please check you emails regularly and we will put things on X (previously twitter) too.

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 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.

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 2 learning overview

English

We will be working on different phonic books during our Read Write Inc sessions and will be completing lots of activities around these books. As a whole class, we will be exploring a variety of books to further develop our love of reading. We will be completing lots of drama activities, exploring character feelings, retelling stories, reciting phrases, making

comparisons between books of the same author, exploring different viewpoints and thinking about how these stories link to our own lives.

Maths

We will learn about multiplication and division, length and height and mass, capacity and temperature.

Science

Our science learning will focus on materials.

Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the question, 'Why does it matter where my food comes from?'

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question, 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

PE

We will be focusing on gymnastics and fitness.

DT

In DT, we will be learning about the features and mechanisms needed to make a Ferris wheel including the wheel, frame, pods, base, an axle and an axle holder.

Computing

We will be learning about data and information, with a key focus on pictograms. Children will be collecting, presenting and analysing different sets of data.

Music

We are developing our knowledge and understanding of dynamics, timbre, tempo and instruments. We will be learning to compose and play motifs around the theme of space.

PSHE

We are looking at how to keep healthy including the foods we eat and brushing our teeth.

Kind regards

Miss Hudson and the Y2 Team