

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

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

PE

Our PE days are on Monday and Thursday. Our Monday PE lessons will be outdoor and led by Mrs Wake. Our Thursday PE lessons will be indoor and led by Miss Bradbury. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on these days and that if your child is unable to remove their own earrings that these are taken out before coming to school.

Outdoor learning

At The Ellis we love to learn outside and we are so lucky to have our KS1 area straight outside our classroom (a luxury many other KS1 classes do not have). We will be using this area and other wider school environments 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! Thank you if you have already provided these. The wellies are kept on our Y2 trolley and the pumps will stay in school.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home two reading books and a reading letter explaining the purpose of the different books. 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. We will change Read Write Inc books on a **Monday** and the children will have the opportunity to change their 'recommended read library book' on a **Friday**. 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 have their new spelling list stuck in on a Tuesday 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 **Tuesday**. The spellings are also on Spelling Shed each week.

Homework

An English and Maths Homework will be set every **Friday** on Seesaw. You can find your child's login details in the front of their yellow reading diary, if they are lost please speak to Miss Bradbury and she can print a new copy.

Show and Tell (Home Learning)

We do love to see what our children have achieved outside school, so please do send in any certificates (such as swimming, football, dancing, reading etc) as we would love to share these with the rest of the class. Whilst we love to chat to our children at playtimes and lunchtimes about things they have been doing outside school (places they have visited etc), we do not have a designated 'show and tell' slot in Y2 due to the many subjects we have to fit into our timetable. Please be reassured that we love chatting with our children at social times however! Could we please remind parents not to allow their children to bring in any toys or games as we have everything they need in school and children can become very upset if they are lost or get damaged.

Book Bags

Please can children bring their book bag to school every day so that we can change reading books, check reading diaries and ensure any letters etc are put inside.

Summer 1 Learning Overview

English

This half term, Miss Bradbury's group will be starting a new writing scheme called Pathways to Writing. This scheme is already being used in school from Year 3 to Year 6. We have reserved this scheme for our Summer term as a way to bridge the transition to Year 3. We will be reading 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey in these sessions. The children who have not been in Miss Bradbury's Read Write Inc group will be continuing their Read Write Inc this half term.

Reading

This half term, we will be starting a new reading scheme called Pathways to Reading. You will notice a similarity in the name to our writing scheme as they are from the same branch. We will be continuing to practise key reading skills such as Retrieval, Explain and Inference style questions. We will be reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl.

Maths

We will be starting the topic Time followed by a measurement unit block Length and Height. We will finish the measurement unit block next half term.

Science

Our science learning will focus on *Being Super Scientists*. This topic will last for the Summer Time by having a new investigation/experiment each week! We will be looking at gravity, light, wind, sounds, sense and reflexes, germs and electricity through experiments.

History

In History, we will be exploring the question 'What is a Monarch?'. We will explore what and who our monarch is as well as the history of how our monarchy began and how we used castles.

Re

In RE, we will be exploring Community and Belonging in Islam.

PE

Our Monday outdoor lesson will be Invasion Games. Our Thursday indoor lesson will be Athletics.

Art

In Art, we will be looking at making clay tiles of a house or castle.

Computing

We will learn read and record data including Tally Charts.

Music

We will looking at how music tells a story!

PSHE

We will be looking at Our World, specifically Living in Our World.