

Dahl Class Newsletter

Year 2 September 2023

By the time you read this your child will have already been at school for a week and has settled in brilliantly!

Mrs Kavanagh and I have been so impressed with how hard the children are already working and we can't wait to see the progress we can make as a team this year! We are already improving our listening skills and are working hard on our 4 R's and our manners.

There are a few routines and days to note in your diary to help support your child's learning.

Reading - Please log your child's 'at home' reads in their reading record—it really helps us to see what they are up to! The title, page number and initials are fine—if they struggled let us know! In Year 2 we will be developing whole class guided reading so this will also happen daily led by myself and supported by Mrs Kavanagh. In addition we will continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme until children reach 90% fluency. Please send the pack in EVERY DAY! We count at home reads on Wednesday morning towards our reading rainbow badge awards. These will be celebrated in our class assembly.

Homework will be sent home every Friday, it should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. It may be to consolidate work we have completed in class or a new concept to explore with an adult at home. Please return these to school on Monday and I will mark these with the children.

Spelling tests will be completed on a Monday and new spellings will be sent home for you to support your child's learning. These will be linked to the spelling lesson that the children complete that day. Sometimes certain spellings will be highlighted to practice to reduce cognitive overload. Please only use the practice page as we will test the children on the reverse of the page. Thank you.

Times tables and number bonds will be tested weekly on a FRIDAY- your child will be expected to get full marks in order then 3 weeks mixed up before progressing to the next set of tables. There may be some repetition as we consolidate skills before moving on - please be patient! We will send your child's starting point starting point when we are ready to begin.

PE lessons are timetabled for Monday and Friday and these will take place both outside and in the hall. You may wish to send a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for your child to keep at school as the weather turns cooler. Earrings **MUST** be removed for these lessons by the child themselves or by you at home, and long hair must be tied back - thank you in advance for your support with this.

Wellies and coats! With the weather already proving to be 'interesting' this year please could you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with them every day - we go outside whatever the weather!!! Some children still have wellies in school from last year but some do not - please send in a pair of named wellies so the children can enjoy our OPAL provision whatever the weather!

Science

Animals, including Humans : Diet and health
Living Things and their Habitats: Habitats around the World.



Geography

Name and Locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans.
Comparing locations
Planning journeys
Locations of hot and cold countries.

Autumn Term

Art & Design

Portraits and features
Sketching
Design Technology
Fabric faces
Joining fabrics and materials

History

Significant people:
Robert Falcon Scott

Computing

E safety Digital Literacy
Computer Science : What is IT?
Presenting Ideas

RE/PSHE

Caring for the natural world.
Valuing new life
Being me in my world
Celebrating difference

PE

Dance
Fundamental skills
Ball Skills
Team building



Music

Exploring Simple Patterns: How does Music help us to make friends?
Focus on dynamics and Tempo: How does music teach us about the past?