

# Holt Class Autumn Term 2014 Newsletter

## Welcome!

We have had a great start to the new term in Year Two. Each child has settled well into their new classroom and daily routines.

Here is some information you may find useful.

**Lunches:** It is great to see how many children have chosen to have a hot lunch or school pack. We will send the weekly lunch choices slip each Friday to be returned on Monday morning, if the slip is not returned on then a hot lunch will automatically be provided. If a weekly home packed lunch is preferred please still return the completed slip.

**PE:** PE is on Wednesday and Friday, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. Please remember to tie back long hair and that earrings must be removed for PE, please remove them at home if your child is unable to do it themselves.

**Library:** We will be changing library books on Friday, please encourage your child to make sure they have their library book in their book bag to change each week.

**Reading:** Please continue to change reading books in the morning as you come into class. After reading together please date and write the book title in the reading record and add positive comments or messages. Reading with your child every day is an important way that will help with their phonics knowledge, fluency and enjoyment of books. Please share books as often as you can.

**Homework:** It is expected that your child will read at home every day. In addition a phonics or maths activity will be sent home on a Wednesday to be returned on Monday. Also sometimes there will be topic related work to research and complete at home.

**Topics:** We will begin our topic work by looking at 'Our School' and 'Animals (including Humans)'.

**Literacy:** We will begin literacy with Stories with familiar settings, non-fiction, followed by poetry.

**Maths:** Place value, partitioning numbers, addition and subtraction are the main focus areas of maths. A fun website that is good for interactive maths activities which you may find helpful is

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths)

**Show and Tell:** We will try to find time when possible to do Show and tell. It is a time for the children to share interesting items that may relate to our topic work or to show the class achievements they may have made outside school – perhaps in a sport or other interest.

I hope this newsletter is useful to you and answers any questions you may have. If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to come and to talk to me. I am usually in the classroom before and after school or we can arrange a more suitable time if you prefer.

**Mrs Longworth**