



## Holt Class Autumn Term 2015 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 routine. Here is some information you may find useful.

**Literacy:** We will begin literacy with reading and writing stories with familiar settings, followed by exploring non-fiction text and we will finally dive into poetry.

**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 helps with phonics knowledge, fluency and enjoyment of books. Please share books as often as you can.

**Maths:** Place value, partitioning numbers, addition and subtraction are the main focus areas of maths. We will be using equipment including Numicon, bead strings and Dienes to explore and support mathematical understanding. 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)

**Topics:** We will begin our terrific topic work by looking at 'Pets' and 'Animals (including Humans)' this will be followed by Seasonal Changes and discovering what happens in Autumn.

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

**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.

**Lunches:** Please continue to send lunch slips on Monday morning, if the slip is not returned 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 Monday and Friday, please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school. Please remember to tie back long hair and remove earrings at home if your child is unable to do it themselves. PE is first lesson on Friday therefore, to encourage the children to become more independent it is requested that they are left promptly to change themselves into their PE kit.

**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.