

Holt Class News

September 2016

Welcome to the start of a new year! One week in and the children have settled well. Much is different for them in Year 2 but a lot is still the same. This newsletter hopefully gives you all the information you need but if you have any questions come and see us or email me at the address below.

Just like every class in school there is a team of people working in Year 2 everyday. The children already know **Miss Thompson-Bell** who is with the class everyday, **Mrs Fiddeman**, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, who takes groups for phonics and **Mr Sutcliffe** who will be working with them during English lessons. They will also work with **Mrs Riseborough**, another HLTA, who has worked mostly with Years 3 and 4 in previous years. She will be with us three mornings a week and also take the class in the afternoon sometimes.

Show and Tell

This year we are switching Show and Tell from a daily activity to a **weekly** one. We always enjoying seeing interesting and exciting things that the children bring in and hearing about what they have been up to. All children are invited to take part in Show and Tell on **Thursday**. On those days we will have a box ready to store what they bring in and will find time to listen to as many children as we can.

Independence

As the term goes on it is very important that we all help the children to develop their independence. Pretty soon I would expect most children to come into class and settle on their own at the start of the day. You are, of course, welcome to come in and help them with early work for as long as you wish and if you have any concerns about this please let us know.

Class Assembly and Topics

Our topics this year are very diverse and will see the children learn about Mexico, Habitats and Seaside Holidays as well as other science and art

Our first topic is called 'Ourselves' and includes making a family tree and a personal timeline. To help this could you please send in a baby photo of your child? This can be on paper or by email.

Our class assembly this term is a museum all about ourselves and will take place on the 5th October.

Library books and PE

Library books will be changed each week on a Tuesday. Please help your child to bring their book back each week and see us if you have any problems.

This year PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, please make sure your child has their kit for these lessons. On these days earrings need to be removed and long hair held up with bobbles as any 'hard' accessories such as clips would need to be removed for the lesson.

Reading books and Homework

Please continue to help your child change their reading book in the morning. Those children who are free readers have a selection of books to choose from that are kept in the classroom next to the water bottles. If you have any questions about reading at home just ask.

Homework is going through a bit of a change this year. Last Friday the first spelling list came home with a letter of explanation. Maths homework will be announced very soon.

Email Accounts

All children at school have a google email account provided by the school. The same account can also be used to access Espresso, an online resource bank. We will stick usernames and passwords as well as a portal web address in all reading record books. Please help your children to access their email and Espresso.

School Trips

We have seven trips pencilled in for their year starting with a trip to the zoo linked to our Mexico topic. This will be followed by an autumn walk to the country park and a cinema trip in November. More details soon!

If you have time and would like to come in and work with the children, perhaps to listen to readers, please let me know. You will be very welcome.

If there is ever anything you would like to discuss, please come and see us or email me at **tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk**. Also use this to send photos into school for show and tell or topic work.

Mr Gleeson