

Holt Class Autumn Term 2024

Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2!

It has been a pleasure getting to know your child a little better this last week. We have got a busy few weeks ahead of us and we are all looking forward to starting our learning journey together.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning all about our families and pets.



We have started off thinking about ourselves and later we will be learning fascinating facts about animals and humans. We will be thinking about ourselves as individuals and what makes each of us unique. We will also be thinking about our feelings and emotions.

In **Maths** we will be concentrating on place value, addition and subtraction.

Our **English** will be linked to our topic with a strong emphasis on phonics, letter formation and forming sentences. We will begin our English work around the book *The Colour Monster*.

PE

We will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday. Your child needs to wear their PE kit to school on these days. Long hair must be tied back and earrings should be removed or not worn on PE days. Our PE kit is navy/black shorts, white T - shirt and trainers. A navy/black tracksuit can be worn on colder days. Please name all uniform and PE kit.

Attendance

An attendance rate of 96% is the expectation for all children, we aim to reach the expected level this year.

Reading

Your child should already have brought home a reading book and their yellow reading record. The reading book is levelled eg. 3b, 4c, 5a, 5b etc which is the book we want them to read at home with an adult. **They must bring both the reading book and yellow reading record to school every day** and place them together in the book basket marked either 'I have finished this book' or 'I am still reading this book'. Children who have finished their book will be encouraged to change their book themselves.

Daily 15 minute reading sessions at home is the best way to build confidence and fluency in reading. However children (and adults!), sometimes have off days and can be tired after a busy day at school so please don't let it be a battle. Reading to your child on the days where it is hard work for them and letting them read it the next day or taking it in turns to read a sentence each may feel more successful. You do not have to be in a hurry to return the levelled book so feel free to read it more than once and try not to let your child get too caught up on what level book they are on; fluency and enjoyment are the key to success!

Library

Your child will also be bringing a book from the school library that they have chosen themselves, with a bit of guidance. This is a book for them to enjoy looking through at home and they can change it on a **Tuesday** for a new one, so please bring them back to school on that day.

Spellings

Each week we will be focusing on a different sound or spelling rule and two tricky word spellings. A spelling list will go home on **Fridays** and learning of those spellings will be checked in class the following Friday. We really try to make our spelling sessions fun and enjoyable for the children. Please encourage and help your child practise their spellings, little and often. This can be fun! You could make their spelling words out of playdough, type them on the tablet/computer or write them out in felt tip pens. We will start this in a couple of weeks.

Be Wild!

We will be aiming to get out into the wildlife area at least once a week, hopefully on Thursdays. As the weather begins to get worse please send your child with an old named pair of shoes or wellies to keep at school if possible. There are a few pairs of school wellies available to borrow if necessary.

Google Classroom

We will be using Google Classroom and I will post announcements, photos and sometimes activities there. Please help your child to check this at home

regularly. If you need help accessing Google Classroom, please ask. The Yr 2 2024/25 Google Classroom will be accessible very soon.



There is a handy timetable below to help remind your child of what they need on each day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and see me or Ms Flowerday at the start/end of the school day or send me an email at

clongworth8nrr@nsix.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Carolyn Longworth

Handy timetable!

	Event and what to bring	
Monday		Reading record & Levelled book
Tuesday	Change library book	Reading record & Levelled book Library book
Wednesday	PE	Reading record & Levelled book Wear PE kit
Thursday	Wildlife area	Reading record & Levelled book
Friday	PE New spellings given	Wear PE kit Spelling test Reading record & Levelled book

Wellies/outdoor shoes kept at school.