

Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter

We have all had a fantastic start to the term in Year Two and we are very impressed with the behaviour of the children.

In Year Two we expect children to become more independent and show more responsibility both socially and within their learning. This includes following our school values 'I CARE': Integrity, Creativity, Aspiration, Respect & Responsibility, Empathy. We expect children to be dressed in the correct uniform and to look smart. This includes wearing the correct P.E. uniform as written below.

If you need to talk to us about anything, you can catch us in the mornings or after school, however, if you wish to discuss something at length, please make an appointment with us.

Muck, Mess & Mixtures



Our new topic is the Muck, Mess & Mixtures. We have already enjoyed a messy afternoon exploring different mixtures and we will be investigating these mixtures again to see what happens when they are mixed with water and we will be finding out which soap product has the best bubbles. We'll enjoy the story of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl and write lists, captions, labels and recipes from this. We'll taste a variety of food from around the world and make milkshakes. We'll create a marbling effect on paper and make pictures from fruit and vegetables!



Homework



Your child should have bought home their first couple of pieces of homework already. Homework will be handed out each Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Homework will also consist of spellings to learn, a set of times tables to focus on and a piece of work relating to Topic or English. In addition to weekly homework, children should be reading at home **daily**. This doesn't always have to be their school reading book but could be a book by their favourite author or even a comic! Your local library will have a wealth of reading material to access for free too. You could also read books together - you could read other books by Roald Dahl too.

Uniform

Please ensure children come dressed in full uniform every day. To help reduce the amount of lost property, make sure all uniform is labelled.



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday

17th October: Parents' Evening

Friday 19th October: School finishes for half term.

Monday 29th October: School re-opens.



Healthy Snacks



In KS1, children are given fruit at break time. They can bring in their own healthy snack if they wish, such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar each day, to enjoy at break time. Crisps or chocolate are not allowed. Children also need water bottles in school, each day, to ensure they stay hydrated!

The School Day:

8:40am Children enter their classroom. You are welcome to help your child settle but we ask that you encourage your child to become independent in putting their things away and let them complete their morning challenge on their own or change for PE on their own.

10:30am-10:50am Break Time

11:45am-12:40pm Lunch Time

3:15pm Home Time



P.E.

P.E. is a vital part of the national curriculum. Each class has P.E. twice a week. P.E. kit must be labelled with your child's name. It includes a **red Exeter t-shirt and blue or black shorts or joggers. Trainers/plymsols will also be required.** The kit should be kept in school as P.E. days occasionally change. If you need to order any items of PE kit, this can be done at the office.