

Spring Newsletter Class 2



Welcome back everyone and I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays. This term our overarching theme is 'At The Seaside'. We will begin by looking, through our history unit, at the history of seaside holidays and comparing them with seaside holidays today. In geography we will study some of the East Coast seaside resorts and think about their key human and physical features. We may need your help at some point by asking you to provide us with a photograph or two of your family on a holiday! Do check in with our weekly class blog on the school website and make sure you can access the class Seesaw account to have the latest information on what class 2 are doing and when we might need your help! You will also be able to view the full overview of this term's learning opportunities there very soon.

Start and end of day routines:

Aside from the time change at the start of the day (as we now begin school promptly at 8.45), the routines are unchanged from last term. It is sometimes hard to spot who is collecting a child when everyone has a hood or umbrella up in bad weather so please do feel free to step forward (or wave!) if we haven't spotted that you are waiting.

P.E Our sessions will be on a Monday (indoor) and a Friday (outdoor) and children need to come to school on each of those two days wearing their P.E. kit and with hair tied back and no jewellery. Joggers or leggings, t-shirts and a hoody or fleece are ideal, as well as trainers please.

Reading: Read, Write Inc books will continue to be changed every Monday and free readers can change their books as and when needed. Please try to listen to your child read at least three times a week and evidence this with a signature in your child's reading log. Shared reading of favourite stories, comics and own choice books and library books all count and helps to foster a love of reading. We will be reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl to start the Spring term off.

Spelling: Word lists relating to the spelling pattern being covered each week will continue to be posted on the class blog on the school website so that you can support your child with understanding the spelling rule or convention. Some pupils will continue to access phonics intervention work in addition to the year 2 spelling programme. Please do keep reading through, and supporting your child to spell the Y1 and Y2 Common Exception Words (tricky words). The lists are on Seesaw and the class blog.

Homework: Your child will continue to receive regular weekly homework which will be set mostly through the Seesaw app. The same homework is also posted on the class blog on the school website. The homework will be drawn from a range of different subject areas. Homework will usually be set on Fridays and will be due for completion by the following Friday. Please encourage your child to attempt all work set and please let us know if homework causes any issues so that we can help resolve the problem. In addition, optional Purple Mash activities will also be set when relevant. Please support your child in learning their 2x, 5x and 10x tables in and out of order and the division facts that go with them. Your child will have access to the TT Rockstars programme this term in order to facilitate this.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's learning, please do pop and see me at the beginning or end of the day, via email on plattenk@brandesburton.eriding.net or joplinn@brandesburton.eriding.net or by telephoning the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Platten and Mrs Joplin