



Year Two Parent Information 2018/2019

Reading books

The children's books can usually be changed every day. Once a book has been completed and the diary signed by a parent they can be placed in the changing book box to be changed that day. Each child will take part in a guided reading session every week. A sticker will be put in the child's reading diary to show when this has happened. The children will be heard individually at least once a half term by an adult in the class. Other reading helpers may also hear them, so it is necessary to have reading books and diaries in school every day. If your child is also reading 'home' reading books you may want to record this in their reading diary.

Spellings

Spelling patterns will be introduced on a Monday and will be revisited at times during the week. Children will be expected to continue investigating the pattern at home. They should make a note of new words that match the spelling pattern on the spelling sheet that comes home. They will also receive a spelling activity to complete. They will then be assessed on their understanding of the pattern the following Monday. They need to return their homework folder to be marked and sent home again each Monday.

Homework

As well as their short daily reading sessions and spelling investigations they will have a Numeracy or Context for Learning activity. This homework will be set on a Friday and collected the following Tuesday. If appropriate to the writing objective for the week, talk homework will come home on a Thursday as part of the planning and preparation for the following days 'Big Write'.

Merit charts

The children are awarded merits for effort and good behaviour across the curriculum and school day. These are collected on a merit chart (that is kept in their drawer), and when they reach 50 merits they receive a certificate in assembly.



Timetable

PE is on a Monday and Thursday. Weather allowing, one lesson a week will take place outdoors. For this lesson pumps will be needed.

The children will have a Literacy and Numeracy lesson each day. As part of the Context for Learning sessions, where possible, subjects will be taught alongside each other using an integrated, transferrable skills approach. These subjects will vary throughout the year depending on the themed focus. The areas of the curriculum not covered by the theme will be taught separately. On occasions a whole day will be used to look at a curriculum area in depth, for example in Design and Technology. On these occasions parental help will be requested and would be greatly valued. Mrs Rabone and Mrs Heaviside will teach the children on a Monday afternoon and Mrs Heaviside and Mrs Wallace will teach the children on a Thursday afternoon.

Targets

The children are set writing targets on a half termly basis. When these are met they are given a writing target sticker in Friday assembly.

Outside visit

The children will have opportunities to work outside the classroom and take part in visits during the year. We will inform you when these are taking place and may ask for parental help to support them.

Water bottles

It is helpful if the children have a named water bottle in school for having a drink throughout the day. We have got a water fountain but the queue can get quite long!

Uniform

Can we ask that all items of uniform are named, this is especially important for jumpers and PE kit. If writing it in pen, please check regularly that it hasn't washed out.

SATs

The children will have statutory assessments in May which form part of the teacher assessment reported at the end of the year. These will assess reading, spelling and grammar and mathematics. The writing assessment is entirely teacher assessed. We will make parents aware when they are taking place but for the children it should feel like a normal school week.

Extra curricular activities

In Year Two, the children are given the opportunity to take part in clubs such as: Munch Bunch club, Multisports, Change for life and Carnival club. Later in the year they will have opportunities to attend a variety of clubs run by older children.

The school website

Lots of useful information can be found on the schools website. You can find out about the goings on in school as well as find the latest newsletters.

www.clintonprimary.co.uk



Please feel free to speak to me at the beginning or end of the day if you have any concerns. You can also email the school office if you would like to set up a meeting to speak to me at any other time.

Charlotte Parker