



# Jay Class Newsletter

Autumn Term

## Welcome Back!

Everyone in Jay class has had a fantastic first week and I am so proud of the way the children have settled into new routines and been ready for all the new learning we have done. Year 2 comes with high expectations and we have spent time reminding ourselves of Birklands 3 rules – **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe!** I am really looking forward to getting to know the children throughout the year and I know we will work hard and have fun at the same time. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Marsh

## P.E

Jay class will have P.E on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this year and the children will need to come into school wearing their P.E kit on those days. P.E kit includes:

- black shorts/grey/black joggers
- a white/burgundy t-shirt
- plimsols or trainers

No earrings should be worn on P.E days and long hair should be tied back.

This term our P.E units will be *Boot Camp* and *Mighty Movers!*

## Homework

Homework is given out on a **Thursday** and is due back no later than the following **Tuesday**. Homework each week will include a Maths or English task which will link to the learning done in school. Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Monday which will be tested on a **Friday**.

## Tuck

If you would like your child to have a snack from tuck each day, you must send tuck money in on **Monday** morning, in a named envelope.

For 1 item each day please send £1.50 or for 2 items each day send £3.

## Reading

Reading at home is a vital part of your child's learning and can have a massive impact on their progress in school. We will be reading with every child over the next two weeks to check they have a book band colour appropriate to their reading ability. The children will then bring home a banded reading book in the **week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September**, along with a reading diary. Please encourage your child to read this book at least 3 times a week, discussing with them what is happening in the story and making predictions. Please record in their reading diary each time they read.

Within the next few weeks, your child will also bring home a book from our '100 Books to read before you leave Year 2' list. This book is to encourage children to enjoy reading for pleasure and we would love for you to read and share the book. This book may exceed your child's reading level, in which case you will need to read it to them.

## Special Requests!

- Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name.
- Reading books and diaries should be brought into school every day.
- Children all need a water bottle each day, which should be filled with water and not juice/squash.

## English

In the autumn term we will be focussing on writing to entertain. The first week will be spent reading 'The Dot', an exciting book which the whole school will be enjoying, focussing on being resilient, never giving up and learning from our mistakes. We will then spend a week looking at alliterative poems, linking to our R.E topic of belonging. For the rest of the term, our books will link to both the Science and History topics we will be learning about. The children will spend time reading and exploring the texts before completing a piece of writing. We will be learning how to write a retell of a story, how to create an exciting character and setting description and using the features of a letter.

## Maths

Year 2 will begin the year by looking at place value up to 100, representing numbers, ordering numbers and partitioning numbers in different ways. Place value underpins all other learning in maths and therefore we will spend time ensuring this is secure at the start of the term. We will then build on the children's understanding of addition and subtraction, including using money. Our final unit of the Autumn term will be the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

## Science

Our science learning will be based around materials this term, investigating the properties and uses of different materials and why some materials can be used for a variety of purposes. We will be working in a scientific way and using our investigation skills to explore the question 'Could I build a school out of paper?' We will also explore seasonal change and this half term will focus on Summer to Autumn and Autumn to Winter.

## History

In our History topic, we will be carrying out a study of industries and learning about how they have had an impact on the local area. We will be looking at both shoe factories and the mining industry, identifying how they changed the local area and why they have died out in more recent years.

## Art

In art, Year 2 will be using a variety of different materials and textures to create a collage, based on the work of artist, Henri Matisse.

## Design and Technology

Linked to our learning about shoe factories, we will be designing and making our own slippers, thinking about how to make them functional and appealing. We will think carefully about the materials which would be suitable for different parts of the slipper, before using sewing skills to construct the final product.

## PSHE

Two areas of PSHE will be covered in this term, firstly looking at 'Being me in my world' before learning about 'Celebrating differences.'

## R.E

Our first R.E topic will ask the question, 'What does it mean to belong?' Children will explore the groups they themselves belong to, such as a family, a class or a school, before thinking about how Christians belong to the church. We will also explore 'What makes some people inspiring to me?' linking this to leaders in Christianity and Judaism.

## Computing

Jay class will begin the year by focussing on mouse and keyboard skills, before using these skills in comic creation and exploring how to make digital art.