



Autumn Term Newsletter 2021 - Year 2

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome all parents, carers and pupils to the start of a new academic year at Clare House. We hope you have had a restful summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. We are delighted to have Mrs Roache, Mrs Gauntlett and Mrs Preston working with us this year.

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th October – Break for half term

Monday 1st November – Children return to school

Friday 5th November - Individual School Photos

Monday 15th November – Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations for Rec – Y6

Friday 17th December – Last day of term

Topic (IPC = International Primary Curriculum)

Our first topic in the Autumn Term will be 'The Earth: Our Home' where we will be finding out about plants, animals and their habitats, micro-habitats, adaptations and dependency. We will be carrying out scientific investigations as well as developing our questioning skills, classifying animals, comparing habitats and reflecting on what we have discovered.

The second topic will be 'Super Humans'. We will look at our bodies as a bundle of bones, muscles, senses and nerves, which are all connected together to make us human. We will discover how these parts of our bodies work with our brains and how important our brains are when it comes to our learning.

English

Phonics continues to be a key feature in Year 2 especially in the formation of words/spellings. We will be continuing with the Sounds Write programme – developing the children's knowledge of the extended code and polysyllabic words (more than one syllable).

We will be exploring different genres in writing this term including story writing, poetry, explanations and instructions. The class will continue to work on handwriting, phonics and reading.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the class will be working on mastering skills in the following areas:

- Number and Place Value: numbers up to 100
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division: 2, 5 and 10 times tables including related division facts.

Homework

In Year 2, your child is expected to read for at least 20 minutes each day. They should spend some of this time reading aloud to you and the rest of the time discussing the book to help develop their comprehension and inference skills. Please also continue to share books with your



★ children. They really benefit from you showing your own enjoyment of reading as well as hearing books read aloud to them. ★

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★ It is also beneficial to regularly practise number bonds to 20 (to 10 first and then to 20) and times tables at home. In particular, the children should practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. ★

★ Telling the time is another skill the children need to continue to practise this year. In Year 2, the children are expected to be able to tell the time to 5 minute intervals on an analogue clock. ★

★ **Reading Records** ★

★ Reading is priority in Year 2 and your support in this is essential. Please make sure your child records what they have read daily in their Reading Record. In Year 2, the children will change their reading books independently. It is the children's responsibility to know when they need to change their books. Please make sure your child brings their reading book and their Reading Record in each day in case they read with an adult in school. ★

★ **Library** – Year 2 will visit the library every Tuesday . The children should remember to bring their library books to school in order to be able to change them for a new one. ★

★ **P.E.** – Ms Barzdenyte will teach 2 P.E. sessions each week. 2B have P.E. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 2L have P.E. Wednesday and Thursday. Your child's P.E. kit should remain in school. This needs to include black shorts or black, green or grey tracksuit bottoms, a house colour t-shirt with the school logo and black plimsolls or trainers. If children do not have the correct kit, they will be unable to fully participate in the lesson. Please make sure all items are named. ★

★ **Pencil Cases** - The children will need a pencil case containing the following items, all labelled with their name wherever possible. ★

- ★ - Whiteboard pen
- ★ - Writing pencil
- ★ - A few basic colouring pencils
- ★ - 15cm ruler
- ★ - Canister pencil sharpener and rubber
- ★ - Glue stick

★ **Snacks and Water bottles** - Snacks are eaten at playtime when fruit or vegetables are also available. Please make sure the snack is a healthy one – fruit and vegetables only! The children should bring in water bottles. Please ensure your child's water bottle is named. Water bottles will go home daily to enable them to be washed and filled. ★

★ **Contact** - As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us. The children will be provided with a Contact Book. In Year 2, children are required to inform the teacher in the morning if they have any messages as the Contact Books are not checked daily. ★

★ We hope you have a great Autumn Term and we look forward to meeting you all. ★

★ Mrs Beswick and Mr Leonard ★

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