



Year 2 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School



Welcome Back!



September 2016

We hope you all had a pleasant holiday. Thank you for making sure all children are arriving on time and ready to learn.



What we will be learning about this term in Maths and English:

Year 2 will be an exciting year where your child will be learning new skills and knowledge through a wide variety of activities both inside and outside the classroom.

In **Mathematics** this half term, children will be developing their understanding of place value, learning strategies for calculating, solving mathematical problems, sorting 2D and 3D shapes and beginning to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In **English lessons** children are exploring stories with familiar story settings and developing ideas for writing their own stories. Children will then draft, edit and improve their story to create a final version.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout this year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,,

Miss Saghir and Miss Wallace



P.E.

Children have P.E. lessons twice each week:
* **2 Holly** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**
* **2 Elm** on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**

P.E. kit should be brought to school in a separate P.E. bag.

Children will need:

- A white t-shirt
- Black trousers or shorts
- A black jumper
- A pair of trainers

Please ensure all P.E. kit and school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

This term our **Copthorne Curriculum** theme is 'Wonder Woman!' As **historians** we will be studying and comparing the lives of significant women in history, including Florence Nightingale. As **geographers** we will be studying maps, looking at the journey Florence Nightingale made to the Crimea. We will also compare geographical features of England and Egypt, as this is a place Florence visited. As **artists** we will be creating portraits of Florence Nightingale, focusing on warm and cold colours to reflect emotions of happiness and sadness. As **scientists** we will learn about the use of everyday materials and consider their properties in their everyday use. During **PE** we will be learning about gymnastics and developing our football skills. Throughout all our lessons we will be focusing on children developing their perseverance and collaboration learning muscles.

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Homework

* Spellings- This year children will have weekly spelling tests each **Friday**. Spellings will be handed out on **Friday** so that children have time to learn their spellings ready for their test.

* Raving Readers- Children are expected to read for **10 minutes** each night with an adult. Please sign their Raving Reader Record next to the book title to ensure your child's reading is recorded on the reward chart. (If your child has not finished the book please record the page number.)

* Maths and English - homework may be given out weekly on **Friday** and should be returned to school the following **Wednesday**. Children should complete homework in homework books using a pencil and their best presentation unless their homework has been set online.

* School finishing times: lessons finish at **3pm**, so children will be brought to the cloakrooms as soon as possible after this time.

Lunchtime

In Year 2 lunchtime is from **12:05pm** to **12:55pm**. Children who are going home for lunch should be collected and dropped off at these times at the main entrance so that they can be signed in and out of school.

