



# Year 2 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

November 2016



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



Year 2 will continue to 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 and will continue to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In **English lessons** children are learning to write adventure stories. Children will then draft, edit and improve their own adventure story to create a final version. We will then move on to explore poetry. Following this children will create their own poems. We look forward to continuing working with you and your child for the rest of this year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Saghir and Miss Wallace  
(Year 2 Teachers)



## 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 continues to be 'Wonder Woman!' As **historians** we will continue to study and compare the lives of significant women in history. This half term we will explore the life of Edith Cavell. We will also be linking our Copthorne Curriculum to English, as we will write a diary entry from the perspective of Edith. As **D&T** learners we will be baking biscuits that Florence Nightingale would have made for the soldiers during the Crimean War. To further enhance children's knowledge about nursing through history, we will be visiting the Thackray Medical Museum.

As **scientists** we will learn about the animals and their young. We will also be looking at the changes that our bodies go through as we grow from babies to adults. During **PE** we will continue to learn about gymnastics and develop our football skills. Throughout all our lessons we will be focusing on children developing their questioning and imaginative learning muscles.



## **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 will 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.



