

# Year 2 Newsletter



Copthorne Primary  
School

January 2017

Welcome back and happy New Year! We hope you all had a pleasant 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 2D and 3D shapes as well as measurement. Children will then go on to develop a deeper understanding of place value. They will also continue to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and apply this knowledge by solving multiplication and division questions.

In **English lessons** children are learning to write traditional fairy tales. Children will then draft, edit and improve their own traditional fairy tale to create a final version. We will then move on to explore writing newspaper articles.

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:

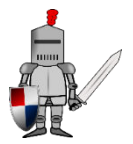
- A white t-shirt
- Black trousers or shorts
- A black jumper
- A pair of trainers

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 is 'Creepy Castles and Caves'. For this half-term our focus will be on castles. As **historians** we will investigate the structure of castles and the roles of the people who lived in them. As **geographers** we will be looking at castles in different capital cities of the UK. We will then go on to find out why castles were built on hills. As **D&T** learners we will be building a castle using 3D shapes and the 'Luna Park System'. We will then advertise our castles by writing radio scripts. To further enhance children's knowledge about castles, we will be visiting Skipton Castle.

As **scientists** we will continue to learn about animals and their young. We will then briefly revisit 'everyday materials'. During indoor **P.E.** we will be creating dances to some energetic medieval music. During outdoor **P.E.** we will develop our orienteering skills whilst pretending to be knights under intense training!

Throughout all our lessons we will be focusing on children developing their 'absorption' and 'capitalising' learning muscles.



## **Homework**

- \* Spellings- Weekly spelling tests will still take place each **Friday**. New spellings will be handed out on **Friday** so that children have time to learn their spellings. Parents, please ensure that you are practicing these spellings each evening with your child.
- \* 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 available to collect from 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.



