

# Year 2 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

January 2018



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 a recount text, which is a summary of events in chronological order. Children will then draft, edit and improve their own recount to create a final version. We will then move on to explore classic texts written by Beatrix Potter.

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 Townend (Year 2 Teachers)

## P.E.

Children have P.E. lessons twice each week:  
\* **2 Holly on Tuesdays and Fridays**  
\* **2 Elm on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

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

Children will need:

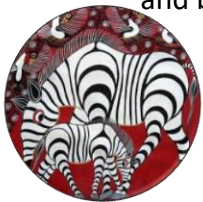
- A white t-shirt
- Black trousers or shorts
- A black jumper
- A pair of trainers

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 'A, is for Africa'. As **geographers** we will be comparing the human and physical features of the U.K and Kenya. As **artists** we will be taking inspiration from the dots and lines used to apply this in our own work.

As **scientists** we will observe and compare how bulbs and seeds grow into plants. We will also find out and describe, what plants need to stay healthy. During indoor **P.E.** we will be learning about Zumba and using it to improve our balance, agility, co-ordination and dance skills. During outdoor **P.E.** we will develop our batting and bowling skills which we will then apply in a game of cricket against the other class in year 2.

Throughout all our lessons, we will be focusing on developing our '*absorption*', '*capitalising*', '*imitation*' and '*empathy and listening*' 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.



