



Year 2 Newsletter



Copthorne Primary
School

March 2017

Welcome back to another half term in Year 2. 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 further developing their skills in multiplication and division as well as fractions. Please ensure your children are practising their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home. Children will then go on to learn about measuring weight and capacity.

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.

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.

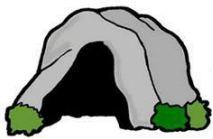
Children will need:

- 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 remains 'Creepy Castles and Caves'. For this half-term our focus will be on caves. As geographers we will be asking and answering questions such as, 'What is a cave?' and 'How are caves formed?' We will also be examining caves around England. We will consolidate our knowledge with a visit to White Scar Caves.

As **scientists** we will be learning about the lifecycle of plants and what they require to grow. During indoor **P.E.** we will be creating dances inspired by animals that live in caves. During outdoor **P.E.** we will develop our skills in the game of cricket.



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



Homework

- * **NEW:** Times tables- Weekly times tables tests will take place each **Friday**. These will test children's knowledge of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.
- * 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.



