



# BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

Bishopswood Infant School  
Barlows Road  
Tadley  
Hampshire  
RG26 3NA

Infant 0118 9812836

Executive Headteacher: Mr G Golding

Friday 8th November 2024

## Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely, relaxing half term. We are looking forward to a busy term including all the festivities and events leading up to Christmas!

### **Topic**

Our 'Learning Challenge' question this half term is '**Would you rather live in Hampshire or Perth, Australia?**' We have attached a topic outline so that you can see what we will be covering. This plan is not set in stone as we adjust our planning according to the children's interests and learning as we progress through the topic.

### **Homework Grid**

As we have started a new 'Learning Challenge', we have created a new homework grid. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in during the week. Children will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We have included a range of activities that will hopefully appeal to all children and promote greater interest and engagement. However if your child has an idea to do with their learning which is not on the sheet we would still love to see it! We will also be sending out handwriting packs for the children to practise.

### **Spellings Words**

We will be giving out your child's spellings over the next few weeks. It is our expectation that these are practised every day at home and we have decided we will **continue to test these fortnightly** in school. We will be testing in the back of the spelling book so there will be room to practise them at the front. It is the expectation that children will move up to the next set each time so the more support your child receives at home, the more likely they are to succeed in class. If your child is confident with the spellings then you could challenge them by asking them to write

a sentence with the word in to help build their understanding. We have attached some different ideas and ways to practise spellings at home to help.

### **Reading**

Thank you for your continued help and support with your child's reading. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do benefit from regular reading. It is a school expectation that you hear your child read **at least three times a week**. In Year 2, along with their phonics book, we encourage the children to choose a book from the book corner and the library to read for pleasure. They can change their book corner book each day if they wish and their library book weekly. These can be read and enjoyed together with an adult at home. Please write in your child's monkey book each time they read.

### **Christmas**

We are beginning to think about Christmas and will be planning lots of fun, festive activities for the children this year. Please see below the dates for our Christmas concert. More information regarding this follow closer to the time.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 2.45pm**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am**

### **Grandparent's concert**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- 9.15am**

### **PE**

**PE day is a Wednesday.** May we remind you please that children need to have a white t-shirt, jogging bottoms or leggings and shorts as well as plimsolls or trainers in school. If your child has long hair, it will need to be tied up on these days and earrings will need to be taken out or covered with ear tape. If cold, they can wear their school jumper so there is no need for sports jackets or hoodies.

### **Reminders**

Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.

Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.

As the cold weather sets in, all **children need a coat in school each day**. Please make sure these are clearly named along with any hats, scarves, gloves etc.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us, we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

The Year 2 team