



## **BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL**

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### **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?**' and 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 for you to do at home. 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 which is not on the sheet we would still love to see it!

#### **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 will be tested 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 reap the rewards of regular reading. Beech class won the reading race last term (well done!) and it would be great if another year 2 class win this time! In Year 2 we encourage the children to change their own books as often as they like to help build independence. If they wish to read the same book again, this is also encouraged as it helps build fluency in their reading. Your child will be taking home a reading book matching their colour band and some will take an additional phonics book that matches the sounds they are working on that week.

It is our expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week**, and this can be your child's book from school, a Bugclub book or other books you may have at home. **Please record** this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books).

### **Christmas**

We are beginning to think about Christmas and will be planning lots of fun, festive activities for the children this year. We will try to include you as much as possible in these, however will give more information closer to the time.

### **PE**

We will be having a full afternoon of PE each week on a Wednesday. We will be having one session in the hall and one outside so children will need to have a white t-shirt, jogging bottoms or leggings and shorts as well as plimsolls 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 (please provide this in your child's PE bag if it is required).

### **Reminders**

- We will be having at least one session of outdoor learning a week. Each child will need a pair of wellies in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- 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 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

