



BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The children have all settled back into school and are looking forward to starting our new topic. Thank you to all those parents who attended parents' evening this week. We hope you found your time with your child's class teacher informative. If you have any further questions, please speak to your class teacher.

Topic

Our 'Learning Challenge' question this half term is 'Why was Neil Armstrong a very brave person?' and we have attached a topic outline so that you have an idea about 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 topic, we have created a new homework grid for you to use at home (attached). Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on Mondays. 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. Some are short activities while others may take longer to complete.

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. How we teach phonics and early reading will be changing this term and your child will

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no longer have a book band 'colour'. More information regarding this will follow shortly. Your child will be given **one decodable book a week that is matched to the phonics they are learning**. Please do not panic if this is a book they have already read or appear to find quite easy. This decodable book is to be **read as many times as possible** during the week to help practise and build reading fluency. To encourage reading for pleasure the children will also be taking home an additional 'sharing' book from our books corners and a library book to be enjoyed and read together.

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 Bug Club book or other books you may have at home. **Please record this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books)**.

Handwriting

We have recently purchased a new handwriting scheme called 'Kinetic Letters'. The children will be practising this daily and in order to help them progress we will be sending home a handwriting pack for them to practise at home if they want to.

PE

Our PE day will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and will stay in them all day. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper/cardigan to wear as well. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

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.
- If you find any other old reading or library books from school at home, please return them to the school office as soon as possible.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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