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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

October 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to the Autumn Term 2 in Year 2! I'm sure that it is going to be another exciting term learning all about different 'Wonder Women!'

MAIN LEARNING THEME – The themes are History and Geography but there will be many opportunities for children to learn through Drama, Music, Art and Design Technology also. Next term children will have the chance to take part in activities such as researching and presenting facts about Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale and learning an Elizabethan Dance! There is a possibility of a trip to visit an Elizabethan or Tudor House. We will be holding a Launch Day on **Monday 3rd November 2014** where children can dress up as someone who inspires them for example a favourite character from a film or book, or their favourite sports person.

ENGLISH- Following the success of Read, Write Inc phonics, Norwood have invested in the programme Read, Write Inc Literacy and Language. The aim of this programme is to continue the good progress from the phonics programme in Key Stage 1, and therefore embed skills through regular exposure to phonics alongside quality texts that develop their comprehension and writing skills. Children will be regularly assessed and parents will be kept informed of their progress, with the aim that all children will eventually be accessing the Literacy and Language programme. Children that are already accessing additional support for reading will continue to access this alongside the Read, Write Inc provision. In Year 2 next term, Language and Literacy will focus on Poetry. Some suggested texts you could read at home include Underwater Farmyard (Carol Duffy) Moon Zoo (Carol Duffy and Joel Stewart) The Rainbow Fish (Marcus Pfister) Tiddler: The Story-Telling Fish (Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler) and Meow Ruff: A story in concrete poetry (Joyce Sidman).

MATHS- We will be working using the National Numeracy framework. All of the units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in the EYFS and Year 1. These include methods for Addition and Subtraction, Data Handling, Measure and Shape. Next half term we will be focusing on C1 Handling Data and Measure and D1 Calculating, Measuring and Understanding Shape. Children across school will continue to work regularly in small groups on our Assertive Mentoring programme for maths.

PE- PE will be on **Thursday and Friday**. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home). Please note that kits **MUST** include a white t-shirt, grey or black shorts and long trousers and trainers or plimsolls and be in school from Monday to Friday.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT!- At Norwood we would like to include YOU, the parent/carer, in your child's education. During the term you could help with the Home Learning Project, be invited to share into your child's classroom and come and watch an assembly or performance. A show case of their learning will take place on **Thursday 4th December at 2.45pm**.

HOME LEARNING- Your child will receive weekly activities involving English and Maths which will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Wednesday. Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time. If child does not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly.



Year 2 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. Each week, your child will also participate in 'Guided Reading' where they will have the chance to join in with plenty of 'book talk'. Please ensure their reading books and records are in school every day.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning project, which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better! Some ideas to get you started:

- Research and present their own Family Tree.
- Design and make their Family crest in the form of a flag or shield.
- Research famous women and present in the form of a story/PowerPoint/booklet/poster.

LUNCHTIMES- To remind you that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. These are provided by a contracted catering company, M & B Caterers, and our children have a choice of a hot meal or 'Funky Five'. We hope that you are happy with the lunches children are receiving and if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve this provision, please do let the school office know.

END OF THE DAY- Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Miss Healey
Class Teacher

Mrs Thornburn
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher



Term 2 Vocabulary

Commas

Suffixes: -ing , -er , - est

Poetry

Non Chronological report

Our Royal Family

Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, Invertebrates, Insects

Life Cycles

Growth

Hygiene

Health

Reproduce

Teeth

Exercise

Carnivores

Herbivores