



Class 2 Useful Information- Spring Term



I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year and have made the most of eating lots of chocolate and enjoying the snow. Please find below a list of the topics we will be covering in Class 2 this half term. I thought it would be useful so that your child could bring to school any relevant artefacts or books.

Science	Sorting and using materials
I.C.T. (computer skills)	Labelling and classifying
R.E.	Birth celebrations
History	How are our toys different from those in the past?
Art	Investigating materials (using different materials, dying and weaving).
Music	Exploring pitch
P.E.	Dance, gymnastics and games
P.S.H.C.E.	Going for goals!

P.E.

Dance will be every Monday afternoon, and gymnastics will be every Wednesday afternoon. For this, your child will need a t-shirt and shorts, or other appropriate indoor sports clothing.

Games will be every Thursday, and it will be outside unless the weather determines otherwise. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and has adequate sports shoes, (trainers rather than plimsolls please), especially as the British weather is unpredictable!

Please can you also ensure that the girls have an extra spare pair of socks in their P.E. bags as many wear tights and then have nothing for their feet. Thanks.

SHOW AND TELL

There will be some time set aside during Tuesday mornings for your child to bring in things: objects or books that interest them and that they would like to share with the rest of the class. Mrs Armitage will inform the children about these arrangements.

HOMEWORK DETAILS

Your child will be given a homework sheet in their planner every Monday. This will contain the week's homework and will be linked to the school work planned for that week. The homework is intended to be done throughout the week and your child will need to bring it back on the **following Monday**. If for any reason your child has problems with the homework, or has other commitments during that week and can not do the tasks, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

N.B. In Class 2 your child will change their reading books when they read with their group in class. As you will know, it is paramount that your child is exposed to different kinds of books and enjoys reading at an early age. Unfortunately with time restrictions we can only do some of this in school, and so we also rely upon parents to support their child's reading progression. Changing books takes a lot out of the school day, so I have decided to only change books once a week, but to give each child 3 books. Please indicate in their planner which books have been read so we know which to change, (you may wish to keep some books for longer, or you may not have time to read them all). Also, please let me know if you require more books.

Your child will also bring a library book home on Fridays, please could you look at the book and talk about it with your child. Thank you.

REQUEST

The play corner in the classroom this half-term will focus on puppets as we are going to create a mini theatre for the children to perform their plays to others. I would be grateful if you could donate any role play clothes or props/ toys for the half-term. Please ensure that you label your belongings as to avoid confusion when they are returned.

FOOD AND DRINK

Throughout the day I encourage the children to drink to keep themselves alert and hydrated. To help this, your child may bring a bottle of water to school and keep it in the classroom in the snack area.

If you have any concerns or queries please do come and see me, or phone school.

Miss Jennifer Newton