



Onslow Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a summary of Year 2 information for the year ahead which we spoke about at the parents' meeting on 10th September. We hope this will be helpful. If you were unable to attend and require more information, please speak to your child's class teacher or you are welcome to email us at year2@onslow.surrey.sch.uk

Reading and Phonics

Phonics is streamed across the school so your child may move to a different classroom for their learning. This is so that we can ensure each child is receiving specific and targeted learning to meet their ability. They will be reading every day in their phonics sessions and will take home a copy of their book after the third read. Your child should be able to read this book with ease and expression. Please note, the RWI phonic scheme book band colours are not the same as the reading for pleasure book band colours.

We will also aim to hear all children read 1:1 every fortnight but will prioritise the children who need it most.

Please try and read at home as much as possible, ideally daily, with an emphasis on understanding and comprehension. If you would like any strategies to support your child's reading at home, then please ask the class teacher or come to the reading workshop later in the term. Please write very briefly in your child's reading record that you have heard them read.

In Year 2, children take the responsibility of changing their 'reading for pleasure' books independently whenever they have finished reading them. We encourage children to read each book twice to aid fluency and comprehension. We visit the school library every Friday so please ensure that the book is returned to school on your child's library day so they can choose another.

Maths

We use White Rose Maths to plan and teach mathematics. The children are taught a new concept as a class and then work on a range of practical and formal number problems either independently or with adult support.

Any number games that you can play at home that encourage mental maths would benefit your child's development. Keeping it fun is the main objective. It would be very helpful for you to allow your child to have experiences with money, capacity, weight and time as they occur in the real world. This enables them to see a practical use for number outside school and familiarises them with the related vocabulary.



Homework

Please read with your child at home as much as possible, ideally daily. **This is the only homework we expect you to complete with your child.**

Once a week we will be sending home maths or other enrichment suggestions and opportunities for you to explore or complete with your child at home should you wish to do so. This will be set on Tapestry. However, there is no expectation for you to upload to Tapestry unless you'd like to do so.

We will no longer be sending home handwriting homework as we will be practising handwriting and the spelling of Common Exception Words daily within the school day.

PE and Woodland

Year 2 will have Woodland School on alternate Wednesday afternoons. They need to have spare socks, wellies and tracksuit bottoms which can be left at school all term.

Sessions will happen whatever the weather, so coats are always needed!

PE will be mainly on Mondays (please remove earrings on that day). Please name all items of clothing (including plimsles or trainers).

Achievement Assembly

Achievement Assembly happens every Friday afternoon; this is a chance to celebrate achievements both in and out of school. Your child can bring in any certificates or medals that they have received out of school on a Friday for this assembly i.e. swimming, Parkrun etc. You can also send us pictures on Tapestry.

Star of the Week

We will be continuing the tradition of Star of the Week and a child will bring home the class Otter or Squirrel with the books for you to enjoy reading together at home.

However, we will be choosing the 'star' at random and then the children will decide collectively all the reasons why that person is a star. The reasons and ideas of the children will be summarised on the Star of the Week certificate. Everyone will have a turn and we have explained that it not 'chosen' by a teacher but 'picked at random'. The children have already impressed us with their articulate and thoughtful contributions about their peers.

Trips

We will be visiting Sayers Croft, Ewhurst in May which is an educational facility offering adventure, exploration and science opportunities.

As part of our history and geography learning, we will take a walk around Onslow Village to learn about local history. We will also visit Woking Mosque and All Saints Church in Onslow Village as part of our RE learning.

Parental Help and Support

Donations to the class fund of 50p a week are greatly appreciated to help us buy resources.

This will be collected on the classroom doors on Monday mornings if you are able to contribute.

Parental help is also greatly appreciated in school. If you are able to spare any time to support our school such as Reading Rockets or in the library, please inform the office.

Thank you so much for your support. We aim to create a fun and stimulating year for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Otter Class

Mrs Swift (Class teacher)

Squirrel Class

Mrs Barton (Class teacher)

Mrs McGowan (Teaching Assistant Mon - Weds), Mr Costley (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Scarlett (Higher level teaching assistant, Thurs/Fri)