

Class 2 Summer Newsletter

St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

Terms 5 & 6 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school for terms 5 and 6 in Class 2! I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and found the rest time valuable.

We had an incredibly exciting end to term 4 with the arrival of our three chicks. Hilda, Daffodil-Sunshine and Fluffy have all settled in well to their new home. Mr Oliver is hoping that some of them will be hens this year. Cockerels can be very noisy! Time will tell and I will provide up-dates to the children about their progress.

We were all very sad to say good-bye to Mrs Kenton at the end of term 4. I am very pleased that Miss Harkins is taking over the days that Mrs Kenton worked. She is very experienced at working in Year 2 and we are all settling in well to our new structure.

Throughout terms 5 and 6, we will be starting some new topics. We will be investigating different animals and their habitats. We learn about a variety of food chains in nature and how to classify animals. In Art, the children will be making some lovely sketches of the school pond area which will also give them a better understanding of which creatures live where and why. From these sketches, we hope to create collaged habitats and models of the creatures that live in them.

We will also be learning about China as part of our Geography topic of comparing contrasting locations. We will investigate and compare the climate and conditions of our 'island continent' and China.

During May, the children will be taking part in their end of key stage assessment 'quizzes'. This is a very important but non-threatening time for the children when they will have quality time in small groups to demonstrate their achievements in maths and reading as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar. The only preparation the children need is to have lots of sleep and the normal reading and homework time. A judgement will then be made based on all of their schoolwork this year, along with their results from the tests. You will receive a copy of your child's results along with their report in July.

Homework books will continue to be distributed on Friday and returned on a Wednesday so that they can be marked in time to go out again.

I would like to thank you for supporting us in Class 2, please do continue to ask us any questions about what the children are learning.

Mrs Wallis, Miss Harkins and Mrs Saynor.

A Few Things to Remember...

- **PE Shoes**

Just a reminder that the children need both an indoor and an outdoor pair of shoes to be provided for PE.

Thank you

- **Reading books:**

We have purchased new stock of reading scheme books to be used to go home as well as in school as part of our group reading. Look out for some new stories that will be coming home with children that are reading Oxford Reading Tree. If your child is no longer reading the scheme books I would still highly recommend registering on the Oxford Owl web-site. It is free to register and allows access to hundreds of online stories that children can read or listen to, to build confidence and fluency.