



Friday 8th September 2017

To Parents of Children in Class 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year at Staverton! I am really impressed with how well the children have settled back into school routines and by their enthusiasm to learn. A huge well done to our new Year 1 children and to our Year 2 role models!

Our whole school topic for the Autumn term 1 is 'All around me, now and then'.

In Class 2, we will be answering the question *What is our school made of?* (Science focus). We will be carrying out lots of investigations and experimenting with the properties of materials, increasing the children's subject knowledge whilst developing their ability to work scientifically.

Be sure to check out our class blog! This will be written by the class at the end of each week and then posted on our website: www.stavertonceprimary.org This will show you what we have learnt and the fun we have had! Please also look out for our Tweets which will be accessible if you follow @StavertonCEPrim on Twitter. (You will also be able to see these on our website.)

Show and Tell

Show and Tell takes place every Friday afternoon and is an opportunity for the children to share something that they have done at home with the class. This year we will be focussing on the children's presenting skills as well as the content of their Show and Tell, so practise, practise, practise! Details about our first Show and Tell will follow in the Learning Log (2nd October).

Douglas the dog will also continue to go home with 1 child each week. When you look after Douglas, you can record the things that you do with him in his diary by writing, drawing pictures and adding photographs.

Literacy

Our Literacy foci are: Non-Fiction: Recounts; Fiction: Stories with a familiar setting. Over the course of the half term, the children will be writing setting descriptions and developing their understanding of story structure (sequencing). Our recounts will focus on 'what we have done' and 'where we have been' linking in with our topic work.

Spellings and Handwriting

Our spellings this term will be arranged slightly differently to last year. Children will receive their spelling list on Wednesday and will be tested in the same book on a Tuesday. This will enable you to see how your child is doing in their test. Please



ensure that your child has their spelling book in their bag every Tuesday. There will be a sound phrase or a rule at the top of the spellings which we will have been learning in school. Your help with learning these is greatly appreciated.

Reading

Throughout the year we will read with your child weekly, this may be during a guided reading session in a small group or independently. Reading books and reading records will be handed out shortly and should be in school every day (placed in the Year 1 or Year 2 reading box in the window sill) to enable us to read a book that has been carefully matched to your child's stage. When you feel your child has finished their book and they are ready for a new one, can you please inform us of this through the reading record and we will change the book with your child. E-books are also available through your child's active learn account.

Maths

Our focus in maths this term is: place value and addition. This will be covered in our daily maths sessions which run alongside our 'Learn It' sessions. These are short sessions which increase children's mental fluency. **There will be a weekly Beat It Challenge based on the Learn Its every Friday.** The Learn Its for this half term are as follows:

Year 1: 2+8, 3+7, 4+6;
Multiples of 5 (Counting);

Year 2: Adding on 3: 9+3, 8+3
Adding on 4: 7+4, 8+4, 9+4
X 10 Table

Art:

During our art lessons we will be focussing on portraits. The children will be learning about mixing paint to make new colours and shades and using a range of tools to create different patterns and textures.

PE Kit

Our PE days this term will be Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure you child has their PE kit in school these days, that all PE kit is named clearly and that it is placed in an appropriate bag.

I look forward to working with you this term. Please feel free to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Hier