

Bishopswood Infant Schools Barlows Road Tadley Hampshire RG26 3NA

Infant 0118 9812836

Executive Headteacher: Mr G Golding

Friday 7th June 2024

Year 2 Newsletter - Summer 2

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back; we hope you had a lovely, relaxing half term. We are looking forward to the busy half term ahead of us and the children's last half term at the Infant School!

Topic

Our 'Learning Challenge' question this half term is 'Healthy humans, Healthy Planet – How can we help?' We have attached a topic outline so that you have an idea about what we will be covering. This plan is not set in stone as we adjust our planning according to the children's interests and learning as we progress through the topic. It will end in a production of our Year 2 play – more information below.

Homework Grid

As we have started a new topic, we have created a new homework grid for you to do at home. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and will be shared throughout the week. We have included a range of activities that will hopefully appeal to all children and promote greater interest and engagement. Some are short activities while others may take longer to complete. Completing a weekly piece of homework will help the children start getting into a good routine ready for the juniors, where homework will be compulsory.

Reading at home

Thank you to all the children and parents who have been reading at home each week. However, we have noticed that the amount of children reading three times or more has significantly reduced over the last term. Reading at home is so important for your child's progress and research has proven that children need to read a book at least three times; once to use decoding skills, the second time to build fluency and three times for comprehension. This is why we do not change your child's phonics book until it has been read three times. Please make sure you write

in your child's monkey books when you hear them read so we know that they have been read with. Please make sure that monkey books and reading books are in school each day. Children also have the chance to choose library books and extra reading for pleasure books.

<u>PE</u>

This term our PE will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons. On PE days, please make sure your children do not have their earrings in or are able to take them out or apply their own ear tape. As the weather is warmer, please ensure your child has a **water bottle** in school at all times. All children also need a **named hat** and to apply sun cream **before school**.

Transition

Over this half term we will be doing lots of work to get your children ready for Year 3. Children will get opportunities to spend informal times visiting the juniors, in their new classroom and with their new teachers, as well as Move up morning on **Friday 28**th **June**. If you have any questions about transition, then please see your child's teacher.

Key Dates

We have a very busy term planned with sports day, a school trip, numerous visits to the junior school and our end of term performances! We hope the children are looking forward to it as much as we are.

Tuesday 25th June Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June Year 2 trip to 4 Kingdoms

Friday 28th June Move Up Morning (within school)

Tuesday 9th July Year 2 Performance - pm Wednesday 10th July Year 2 Performance - am

More information regarding the above events will follow in due course.

Reminders

- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.
- During this term, on warmer days please apply **sun cream** to your child before they come to school to help keep them safe in the sun. **Sun hats** are also needed when the weather is warm.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

The Year 2 team