



Parent Information Sheet



Willow Class Mrs Hamilton

Reading

Reading is an important part of your child's learning in Year 2 and regular reading at home makes a huge difference to their confidence, fluency and understanding. To support your child's reading development, I ask that you listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes, five times a week. As well as listening to them read, please take time to talk about the book, asking questions about the characters, events and vocabulary to help develop their comprehension and encourage them to think more deeply about what they have read.

Every reading session at home should be recorded in your child's reading record book, which will come home each day alongside their reading book.

Maths

In Year 2, children will continue to develop their confidence and fluency with numbers and mathematical ideas. They will strengthen their knowledge of number bonds to and within 20 and should be able to recall them with speed. They will work with numbers to 100, developing their understanding of place value (tens and ones), addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 forwards and backwards and by the end of the year, will be able to instantly recall facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will also explore fractions, measure length, height, mass, capacity and time, and learn about 2D and 3D shapes, position and direction, and money. A key focus throughout the year will be developing children's ability to reason and solve problems, explaining how they know an answer is correct and choosing appropriate strategies to help them. Practical activities, games and the use of mathematical equipment will support children as they move towards solving calculations and problems more independently.



Home Learning

In Year 2 there is an expectation that children read at home 5 days per week for a minimum of 10 minutes. In addition to this, each term I will send home a list of Common Exception Words for the children to practise. These words will be tested at the end of each half term. A full list of Common Exception Words will also be sent home to ensure all pupils can read these on sight. A weekly piece of maths homework will be linked to in class learning and at times we will send home homework linked to our wider curriculum.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. On these days, children can come to school wearing their PE kits. The expectation is that children wear a red polo shirt (with or without the school logo), black shorts, skirt or tracksuit bottoms, and black plimsolls or trainers. Long hair must be tied back with a plain hairband. In winter months, children can wear a red jumper or sweatshirt, a black or white undershirt and black tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

Communication

Please feel free to contact me using the class email address willow@eastsomersetfederation.co.uk for non-urgent messages, and to use the school office for general enquiries or more urgent matters. Please also use the communication books in bookbags as these are looked at daily. Clear communication helps us respond quickly and ensures your messages reach the right person. Please provide communication if alternative travel arrangements are in place for any given day. Can any changes to your child's usual travel arrangements be communicated via the school office — ideally in the morning, and no later than 2:30pm. Please use the email address: uptonoffice@eastsomersetfederation.co.uk. Many thanks.



Uniform

Our school uniform helps children feel part of our school family and ready for learning each day. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our uniform smart and consistent. Our uniform is as follows: white polo shirt, red sweatshirt or cardigan, dark grey skirt, shorts or trousers, red check or striped dress, black shoes and black, grey or white socks.

Attendance

Every day in school matters. Good attendance helps children make progress, build friendships and enjoy their learning. Please make sure your child attends regularly and arrives on time each day. In line with statutory guidance, Upton Noble Primary School will not authorise any requests for term-time leave unless the circumstances are both exceptional and unavoidable. Thank you for your support with giving your child the best possible start in education.

Snacks

In Key Stage 1, fruit is provided for break time to support the children's concentration and energy throughout the day. However, you can provide your own snack if you would prefer. Fruit, vegetables, or other nutritious options are ideal. Please avoid sending sugary snacks or chocolate, so all children can enjoy a healthy start to their learning. Thank you for helping us promote healthy habits in school.

Thank you for your support!