



## Year Two Class Newsletter - January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. We have had a great start to the new term and have enjoyed finding out about everyone's holidays.

**Curriculum:** This term, our whole school topic is 'A Story Unfolds' which has a focus on historical stories and will inspire much of our learning. Year 2 will learn about the life of a Meridian child throughout time - during the Victorian era, World War II, the Millennium and the 2012 Olympics. We will be moving on to discover more about the stories of people who influenced our history such as the local suffragette Emily Davison and the brave American activist Rosa Parks. In our **English** lessons, we will begin by developing our adventure writing skills through the story *Traction Man is Here* by Mini Grey.

Please see the 'Curriculum Overview' to find out more about the exciting learning opportunities in different subjects.

**Supporting learning at home:** Home learning will be set every **Friday** on Google Classroom (paper copies can be provided if needed) and will always be linked to work we have been doing during the week or in preparation for the week ahead. It will consist of an English or Maths task and a spelling pattern. Although the children should be able to do it on their own, it is beneficial if they can talk about it and ask questions at home too. Home learning should be completed and handed back by the following **Wednesday** morning. The children's weekly spelling quiz will take place on **Thursday**.

All the children have a **reading diary** that they should bring to school every day. We are encouraging children to make their own comments about the books they read in their diaries and parents are welcome to jot down comments. Children are encouraged to take home one 'levelled book' with a coloured sticker plus one book of their choice each week. We will continue to lead Guided Reading sessions to include all children and ensure that children have 1:1 reading support as necessary.

**Routines:** We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time. Please bring your child to the playground at **08:55am** to ensure a smooth start to the day for all children and ensure that no learning opportunities are missed.

Class PE sessions this term will be on **Tuesdays**. We will also complete daily exercise sessions. The children do not currently require a PE kit, but please ensure they wear comfortable and appropriate clothing such as jogging bottoms and trainers on the day they complete their PE lesson.

**Communication:** Please check our weekly whole school newsletter for important information throughout the year and updates on what we have been learning. Some of our learning will also be on show on our school instagram account - @meridianlearns.

Should you ever wish to see us to discuss any aspect of your child's school life, we are always available for a quick chat at the start and end of the day (with the exception of Wednesdays when we have our staff development meetings) and can arrange a phone call appointment for longer chats

Kind regards,

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