



# Autumn Newsletter Year 2

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the sunshine. In the mornings, registers are taken at 9.00 am but children are encouraged to be in school from 8.50 am to take part in classroom activities. Children are collected from the classroom door at 3.15 pm. We are lucky this year to be supported by Mrs Newbould.

As you know, our topic this term is 'Home Sweet Home'. We will be learning about Excalibur, Alsager and significant individuals from the wider area. Has anyone famous ever visited Alsager? Which local legends have you heard of?

Our English work will be based around several books by leading authors such as Lynley Dodd, Dick King Smith and Nick Butterworth. We will use these books to inspire our writing and to improve our grammatical knowledge. Throughout the term, we will practise handwriting to ensure that letter formation is correct and that all letters sit appropriately on the line. This will allow children to develop Excalibur cursive handwriting which is neat, efficient and fluid in style.

In maths, we will be clicking and clapping our way through the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. We will secure our knowledge of place value and use this to solve problems using the four rules of number.

I have provided links on our class page on the school website to some very useful and fun maths games.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/)

<http://mathszone.co.uk/>

Try the interactive games on Snappy Maths. We will be using some of these in class.

<http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/counting.htm>

In science, we will be identifying plants and animals as well as simple food chains. We will go out to explore the school grounds to see which plants and animals we can already name and to learn some more. The children are going to devise ways of finding out which creatures visit our grounds at night time.

## Homework

MyMaths homework will be set when it is appropriate to our class learning. Passwords can be found in planners. Children are welcome to try any of the activities on MyMaths in between

times. Please practise 2x table initially and then 10x and 5x. From January, we will learning the 3x and 4x tables. The children may be asked to spend some time playing a game using a link on our class page on the website.

Reading and spelling homework will be sent home on Fridays and returned the following Wednesday, thank you. Guided Reading homework may be about your child's reading book or it may be completely independent of their reading material.

### **Water bottles**

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home every night for washing and refilling.

### **PE**

PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Fridays. Outdoor PE is on Wednesday, but we will try to go outside as much as possible on Fridays, weather permitting. Please ensure your child has their kit in school on the correct days. Kits should be taken home half termly for washing and returned the following week. Track suits may be sent in during cold weather.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

If you have any queries or questions throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unable to come into school please use the home school planner as a means of communication.

We are going to have an exciting year.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Weatherby

