



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

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## Flamingo Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Welcome to Flamingo Class!**

This year is an exciting year for the year two children. They will now be a single form year group of only 16 children which means that the adult to child ratio is much smaller than we've had in previous years. The children also have a new learning space which has been fully refurbished and the children are in the process of re-designing the outdoor area to allow for an alternative learning zone. They now have an individual locker instead of drawers which they are very excited about! Children are also able to have a 'healthy snack' at a time which suits them best during the morning.

The children have settled in well and are enjoying being part of the Flamingo team. They are taking ownership of their learning and their classroom; they chose the name of the class through a vote and have also chosen their independent project topics which they have started to complete.

They are excited about choosing the topics which interest them, before the summer holidays the class decided that they would like to find out more about Ancient Egypt and the topic will be centred around their independent enquiries.

The daily routine will be similar to last year in which children will come into the hallway to put their things away before going outside to the playground until 8:55am. A quick reminder to remember coats and jumpers as the weather cools. The children take part in a daily number talks session, spelling lesson and have an English and maths lesson. Alongside this, various topic and art lessons will have a topical focus; this half term will be Ancient Egypt and after half term a Christmas focus.

### **PE and Outdoor Learning**

PE will be on a Thursday led by a GoActive team member, Forest School will be on a Wednesday afternoon led by Mrs Brown, PE bags should stay in school and Forest School kit in on a Wednesday.

## **Reading**

We will continue to aim to read with your child 3 times a week, additionally we would encourage you to read with your child as much as possible at home. For each night that your child reads they receive a 'reading stamp' and their name gets put into a draw for the reader of the week alongside a half termly book prize. Reading diaries will be in book bags, please complete the day that they have read. Books bags will also need to be in school every day. We welcome any parent readers that would be interested in volunteering listening to children read, it's always a great help! Alongside this, daily class reads will reinforce comprehension and vocabulary whilst bringing the children together.

## **Maths**

This half term the children will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. They will also be practicing daily number talks which have an arithmetic focus. This year the children will be focusing on the 2,3,5 and 10 x tables. It would be great if these could also be practised at home.

## **Spelling**

Spelling lessons will take place every day. Taking place of the 100HFW that children had last year, a more manageable set of spellings will be sent home each week with a choice of how they can be practised. Children will have a spelling dictation on a Friday.

## **Homework**

Children will be given a homework book on a Friday which will be expected in the following Thursday. Homework club is on a Wednesday in Miss Evan's classroom that they are welcome to attend. Alongside reading and spelling, children will also be given a homework menu at the start of each half term where they can choose a topic related item to complete each week.

If you have any queries or concerns, please speak to a member of staff. We are always available at 8.45am and would be pleased to discuss any questions you might have.

**Thank you for your support and we're looking forward to an exciting year!**

**Yours faithfully,**

**Miss Finlay and the Flamingo Class Team.**