



Rothersthorpe Church of England Primary School

Pathfinders (Class 2) Newsletter

Spring Term 2023

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. Thank you for all of the very generous Christmas gifts for staff – they were very much appreciated. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for another busy term.

Class Teachers: Mrs. L Anderson (Mon-Thurs mornings) and Mrs. K Woods (afternoons and all day Friday)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs. Townsend (mornings) and Mr. J Peaks (mornings and PE).

- Thank you to those parents who attended the reading workshop last term. **Reading** continues to be a focus area for Pathfinders class. We will continue to send home two reading books for children to practise their sounds and reading at home - one is a sound book and the other is a reading book. We expect the children to read **at least** three times a week at home – ideally 5 times! Please write in the reading journal every time you have read with your child at home. (Books from home can also be entered into the reading journal.)
- As you will be aware, the gate opens at 8.45 with the class register taken just after 9am. The timetable is extremely busy in Class 2 to ensure we have curriculum coverage for years 1 and 2. The children are set morning jobs between 8.45 and 9.05 which includes handwriting practise, number fluency, writing tasks etc. These are important sessions to re-cap, consolidate and reinforce learning from previous days and lessons. We would please encourage you to drop children at school as close to the gate opening at 8.45 so they don't miss out on these valuable starter sessions.
- If you have a message for one of the staff members, please relay it to the staff member on the gate. This is to allow for children to be able to come into the classroom quietly and calming and access the starter activities and so staff are available to support with children with these tasks.
- **P.E.** will continue to be on a **Monday** (inside) and **Tuesday** (outside); hair must be tied up and no jewellery worn. Please remember to take earrings out before children come to school as we are not permitted to remove these for your child.
- **Spelling** homework will be sent home on Friday and the test will be the following Friday. As we are now in the second term, there will be an increase in the number of spellings sent home to practise.
- **Times table** homework will continue to be sent out on Friday too and the test will be the following Friday. We will start sending times tables homework for Year 1 children this term.
- We are working on a Dimensions project called 'Unity in the Community' this term. All the curriculum details will be on a separate leaflet.
- In **R.E.** we will be studying **xxxxx**
- Please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle every day. A reminder that snacks should be healthy such as fruit and vegetables.

Thank you from the Pathfinders Team!