

Winter Clothing

Please may I make a small plea to request that any clothing is clearly named? As the weather is growing colder our small cloakroom area becomes awash with gloves, hats and scarves. There will inevitably be the odd time when some items go missing, but if these are named then we can reunite them with their owner much more quickly. If items are unnamed and unclaimed then they will be sent to the lost property pile.



I have also reminded the children that they are not to wear jewellery to school. Earrings are allowed; however, these need to be small studs.

RE

Mrs Dunbar is planning to make a special Nativity scene with the children later in the term. Please may you send in any unwanted kitchen roll/wrapping paper tubes that you may have at home?

PE

Please note that your child will no longer require trainers for PE (our sessions with coach Rosie have now ended). Their PE kit will only need to consist of a plain white t-shirt, shorts and pumps.

PE lessons this term, will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Miss Laura Pritchard



Autumn Term 2

Year 2

Welcome back to an extremely busy term in Year 2. I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Our New Topic - Willington

Thank you for all of your support with our last topic. I'm sure you will agree that the children certainly enjoyed it and I hope you enjoyed learning as much about the disaster as we did! Our new topic this half term is a geography topic called 'What would Marvin find exciting about Willington?'



During this topic we will be thinking about:

- What does Marvin like about our school?
- Why does Marvin need a postcode to find my house?
- Where could I take Marvin in Willington?
- What would appear on Marvin's map of Willington?
- What transportation do we have for Marvin in Willington?

We will be looking at lots of maps of the UK, Willington and our school and creating some of our own. We will also be using these maps to find routes to different places, using language like north, south, east, west, left and right.



In the middle of the term, we will be designing and making our own vehicle with moving wheels! For this I would be very grateful if the children could start collecting together any junk materials that they may like to use to add to our models for decoration. This could include bottle lids, yoghurt pots and cardboard tubes.

Please note that we cannot use toilet roll tubes in school, but wrapping paper and kitchen roll tubes are ok. We also try to avoid plastic bottles as these are very difficult to paint.

Please send any materials in to school on Friday 1st December, as we have nowhere to store them.

Science

Alongside our geography topic, we will also be thinking about forces and motion in our science topic, 'How do we get from here to there?' We will be learning about different ways in which we push and pull things to make them move and how we can change its speed and direction.

We will also be learning about gravity to help our very own Discovery Dog and Naughty Nora to solve a problem with their shopping bags. We will finish our science topic with two investigations to help Lightning McQueen to win a race and to help Woody and his Toy Story friends to escape the nursery.



Curricular Targets

We are still working on our literacy and numeracy targets in school and these will be assessed towards the end of term. The children will receive an effort or 'target achieved' sticker in their reading diary once our final assessments have taken place.

I'd like to thank you for your support with home reading and our weekly spellings. I am really pleased with the children's efforts and attitude towards both of these, and your support makes a huge difference.

Please find enclosed a letter about homework. We are offering the children in Key Stage One a menu of homework activities to select from. This is in line with the homework that is set in the juniors.