

Infant 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a lovely relaxing summer break. We have had a great start back. The children have settled in really quickly and we are all excited for the year ahead. Please find details of the Autumn 1 Term as well as general housekeeping for those new to Infant 2. We're looking forward to a brilliant year!

PE

Tuesday

Multi-Skills: Throwing and Catching

Friday

SWIMMING. (w/c. 8th September.)

Please send your child to school in PE kit on Thursdays. Please send your child in normal school uniform on Friday along with their swimming kit. They will get changed once they arrive at the leisure centre.

School PE kit is: a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and trainers. Please include a black or school jumper for going outside. We utilise all spaces in the school grounds and will be outside all year round so please ensure you child has appropriate clothing and footwear.

Phonics

We will continue to follow Read Write Inc programme and each day children will have a 20-minute phonics lesson. Along with this Newsletter you will also find a phonics sound mat and a letter formation sheet. Children use these in the classroom when writing. Please feel free to use these at home to support your child.

We will be running a phonics information meeting after school on Tuesday 16th Sept for all Infant parents. This will be your opportunity to find out more about how we teach phonics and will give you further information regarding the Year 1 Phonics Screening Assessment. We will share resources with you and will be able to answer any questions you have about phonics. We hope to see you there!

Topic

Our first topic will run over both terms and is titled 'My Village and Me'. For this half term our topic focus will be based on Gunthorpe village in which we will be studying the human and physical features of our local area. We will also be exploring the area by using and creating our own maps. In Science, we will be studying the habitats of different animals and looking at the needs of certain pets. We will also be studying the human body and creating a model of a lung. RE this term has a focus on the role of different leaders and we will look at what makes some people inspiring to others. In DT we will be creating our own fruit smoothies. Finally, our PHSE focus is about 'Keeping Myself Safe'.

Spelling

Your child will receive spellings each Tuesday that are to be tested the following Tuesday. For Year 1, this will include up to 8 spellings, 2 of which will be RED words. For Year 2, this will include up to 10 spellings, up to 3 of which will be RED words. Red words are words that cannot be sounded out phonetically. The format of the spellings sheet encourages regular opportunities to practice. We also have dedicated time during the week for children to practice these prior to Tuesdays test but always encourage regular home practice too. Your child's score will be recorded on their new spelling sheet each week for parents/carers to see. You will also start to see green words on the children's spelling sheet as the year progresses, these are words frequently misspelt by children in Infant 2.

Reading

To celebrate and encourage a continued love of reading, Infant 2 will be introducing a new in-class reward system. Each week, for every four reads recorded in a child's reading diary (signed by an adult), their bumblebee will move forward to the next flower on the way to the beehive. At the end of each half term, children who reach the beehive will receive a special certificate. We also encourage children to read their school book more than once—re-reading two or three times helps them to recognise RED words, build fluency, and develop expression. In school, your child will read to an adult several times each week, when we will also sign their diary and check whether they need new books. Please ensure you child's diary and books are in school every day. Children are very welcome to take home two books if they would like. Thank you for your continued support.

Times table Rock Stars (TTRS)

Year 2 children will receive a login in for TT Rockstars. This website allows them to practice their times tables which is invaluable for their fluency in maths. You are welcome to access this at home. We will begin to introduce this in the classroom later in the term once we have covered some foundational maths skills.

Homework

Following the fantastic response to our homework grids last year, we are delighted to continue using this format. Each half term, a new grid will be sent home with suggested activities linked to our current topic. Your child can choose one activity that interests them most. The whole half term is available to complete it, so you may wish to work on it gradually as a project or complete it more quickly—whatever best suits your family. Homework is due back in school by Wednesday 15th October, when we will enjoy sharing it together in class (a highlight the children really look forward to!). If it's easier, homework can also be photographed and emailed to infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk.

Finally...

As always, if you wish to speak with us regarding anything relating to your child please call the school office to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, drop us an email (infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk) as we do try to check at the end of each school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hrubciak & Mrs Stewart
Infant 2 Class Teacher

Please!!

Please label all of your child's clothes and belongings that come into school. This will be especially important this term whilst Infant 2 are swimming. Thank you!