



★ Newsletter ★

17th September 2021

We cannot believe how busy we have been! It has been a great start to the term and all of your children have settled into new routines beautifully. They should feel exceptionally proud of themselves as they have worked hard to do the right thing all of the time.

We had a special visitor on Thursday afternoon. Mr Maddison (our old Head Teacher) came to visit KSI to talk to us about school life in the past. This was the perfect way to launch our topic 'School Days' as the focus is to look at how school life has changed over the decades. The children enjoyed older stories like 'Cat in the Hat' and sang a collection of nursery rhymes. The children also loved singing Mr Maddison's version of The Grand Old Duke of York! Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and there was a piece of carbolic soap for each child to take home!

Today we have enjoyed learning some tennis skills with Nick. This session will be outside every Friday. As the weather may turn colder, the children may need a warm hoody for this lesson and long jogging bottoms or leggings.

Maths:

In maths, the children have completed a number of baseline assessment tasks over the last couple of weeks. The outcome of these are to inform us of how much the children have remembered from Year 1 and also to inform us of areas of work that may need re-visiting. We have also spent time learning how to set out work properly in our maths books now that we are in Year 2! The children have also completed a range of activities involving number tracks and writing numerals as words.

English:

This week we have enjoyed the rhyming text 'Whiffy Wilson – The Wolf Who Wouldn't go to School' After reading the story together, we focused on some unknown vocabulary and wrote sentences in context to show our understanding of these new words. The children have also enjoyed writing their own rhyming lines in the style of the text. We have also compiled a list of reasons to enjoy school and how Year 2 is different to last year. All children have taken part in daily phonic and follow on reading sessions in groups appropriate to their current progress.

Homework:

In line with our school ethos, this half term we are giving you the option to complete as much or as little additional work as you'd like at home. The idea is that your child works through the grid, picking and choosing which activities they would like to do. All the activities link to our Curriculum Topic. Please stick any of the activities that your child manages to complete in the homework book that we have provided – we'd love to see them on a Friday! House points will be rewarded for 'Take Care Work'.

Reading:

Please aim to read with your child at least three times a week and sign it in the diary pages of their planner. I am quite happy for children to record their own home reading into their diary under your supervision if this is easier. I will be starting to check diaries every Friday starting on Friday 24th September where I will award stickers and house points as a reward for regular reading. Next week, your child will have a sticker on the front of their diary informing you of their book change day. I am trying to gauge an appropriate number of weekly books to give your child based on how keen they are to read! If books need changing in between book change days, your child will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

Additional Information:

Show and Tell will begin next Friday. All children will get their turn but this will be by invitation. I have spoken to my class about how this will work – all will be explained when their invite is drawn out of the hat! This year, Moonbeam the bear (cousin of Sunbeam) is looking forward to spending a weekend with each child over the year. If your child is chosen as 'Star of the Week' they will bring Moonbeam home with them on a Friday. A book is provided to write about the adventures that your child gets up to with the bear. Once Moonbeam is returned to school on the following Monday, your child will be given the opportunity to share their experience with the rest of the class. This is a great opportunity for your child to gain confidence by speaking in front of an audience.

Individual photos will take place on the 27th September.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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