



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! Autumn term flew by and it was great to see the children making such great progress and enjoying their learning. I'm really looking forward to seeing this continue this spring term.

Our **topic** work this term based around 'The Moon Landings'. We will investigate how we can be sure that man has been on the moon, why astronauts risked their lives to do so and how they got there and back safely. There are strong cross-curricular links with art, DT, computing, science and English that will also be explored.

In **maths** we will begin to develop our understanding of multiplication and division – recognising that they are directly linked and not something we should be scared of! We will also look at recognising, counting, adding and subtracting money. We will learn about measuring height and length in centimetres and metres.

The teaching of **reading** will be continued through both Read, Write Inc and Accelerated Reader. Children will be issued with Read Write Inc **or** Accelerated Reader levelled books to bring home and read with you. RWI books will be linked to the books they have been reading in their daily sessions and will be changed each **Monday**. Please ensure that RWI Reading books are **returned to school each Monday**, as they are purchased in sets of six and a missing book means that a **whole set is withdrawn from use**.

In addition to this, **Reading for Pleasure** books from the library will be changed on Mondays. All children are encouraged to change their books. Sometimes, children have a particular favourite which they may want to choose again. These books are designed to be **read by you**, with your child joining in when able to. This allows children to share the reading process with you and to develop a love of reading with less pressure on them.

We shall continue to take home the **Reading Rocks** bags. The children have really enjoyed these and have also given me lots of ideas for topics to be covered in the future.

Home-school planners should be in school every day. Children are encouraged to read at least 5 times a week. This can be a variety of texts, reading to a younger sibling, reading magazines, recipes and instructions –anything that gets them reading!

Miss Morrey will continue introducing new **spelling** patterns on a Monday and spelling lists will be sent home each week for the children to practise at home. Please remember, as

with all homework, 'little and often' has the biggest impact, especially on retention of spellings.

Our regular **PE** days for this term will be **Tuesday** and **Friday**. This term we will be covering gymnastics, racquet sports and fitness and skills circuits. Please make sure that your child wears the correct Excalibur PE kit. A list of the full PE kit is on our website. Pupils can wear tracksuit bottoms for PE if it becomes too cold. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed or covered with micro-pore or similar on PE days. Any earrings will need to be removed by your child for a PE lesson.

Could you please make sure your child has a **healthy snack** for their midmorning break and a refillable clearly labelled water bottle.

We will continue to communicate with you through **Seesaw**. Many families are still not accessing this so please ask if you need log-in details etc. Homework activities are set on there and it's great to hear what the children have been doing too!

Remember to sign up for the Family Access if you have more than one child at school.

We are all looking forward to our residential trip at the end of March. Please do ask if you have any questions you need answering.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through our contact email address (contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) or you could leave a note on Seesaw.

Mrs Griffin, Miss Morrey, Mrs Woodcock and Miss Such

Quick Recap

Monday – Return RWInc books, Library book, Reading Rocks Bags and Homework book

Tuesday – PE kit needed in school

Friday – PE kit needed in school