



Year 2 Weekly update: Tuesday 11th September

Welcome back to Duncombe!

There have been a few changes this year that we would like you to know about.

Homework

Homework will be **sent home on Fridays** and must be **returned by Thursday**. Homework club is on Tuesday morning. Please send your child in on Tuesday with their homework book if you would like them to complete it at homework club.

Reading

Duncombe is focusing on reading this year. It is so important that you read every night with your child and sign their reading diary to show this. Your child has **two reading books** sent home with them every week. Please **keep them in their bag** so that they can get them out during the day.

On Mondays, we are inviting certain children to read to the rest of the class and their parents can come in and watch. If you receive an invitation, please practise reading clearly and fluently with your child. It's a lovely chance for them to show off their learning to their classmates!

Messages:

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit at school on these days. A Duncombe PE kit is a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings and trainers. Please bring it into school and expect your child to leave it here for the term.

We are going on a trip to the Tower of London on Monday 24th September 2018. A letter will be sent home today. If you would like to join us as a parent helper, please talk to Caroline or Natalee to sign up.

Maths:

This week we will be practising counting up in jumps of 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be learning about place value and how to partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. We will be using dienes, number squares and counters to help us.

Phonics / Spellings:

The spelling pattern that your child will be learning for their homework this week is 'kn' and 'gn'. Both make a /n/ sound.

Please ensure your child practices the spelling list in the homework book.

English:

This half term our topic is 'Traditional Tales'. This week we will be reading *The Princess and the Pea* by Hans Christian Anderson. We will be sequencing the main events of the story, taking part in drama activities and retelling the story.

We will also be revising basic sentences skills, reminding the children to consistently use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in their writing.

Topic:

This term our topic is 'Kings and Queens'. This week we will be learning about the role of the monarch.

Science:

This half term our topic in science is 'Animals including humans'. This week we will be learning about food groups and looking at how to sort food into categories.

Homework:

You **must** complete the **maths and spellings homework**. For extra points, there are 3 to 4 choices each week of Topic homework that you can pick from to complete.