



Year 2 Weekly update: Monday 16th September

Thank you to the parents who attended our 'Meet the team' meeting last week. Here is an overview of some important changes to this year:

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 has been sent home. If you would like to join us as a parent helper, please talk to Caroline or Natalee to sign up.

Maths:

This week we are continuing to secure our knowledge of place value. We will be partitioning two digit numbers into tens and ones using different representations. We will end the week by comparing numbers using $>$, $<$ and $=$ signs.

Phonics / Spellings:

The spelling pattern that your child will be learning this week is 'wr'.

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

English:

This week we will be reading Thumbelina by Hans Christian Anderson. We will be predicting what might happen next and also thinking about how different characters are feeling in the story. We will be finishing the week with writing a diary in the view of Thumbelina.

We will also be learning how to recognise proper nouns and use them in sentences with capital letters.

Topic:

This term our topic is 'Kings and Queens'. This week we will be learning about significant Kings and Queens of England and ordering them on a timeline.

Science:

This week we will be thinking about how to maintain a healthy and balanced diet. We will be sorting a variety of foods and deciding whether they are healthy or unhealthy.

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.

