

2FJ Newsletter 04.09.24

Autumn term - Africa



Welcome to 2FJ

We hope you have had a fun Summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead! Please have a read of the termly overview so you are aware of the topics we will be covering this term. You will also find useful messages in the red box and a PE kit reminder in the grey box.

Do let the team know if you have any questions this term.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Francis (Teacher) Mrs S Jackson (Teacher)

Mrs L Hewitt (OT) Mrs C Harris (SLT) Mrs J Bradburn (STA)

- **English** - We will start the term by exploring stories and their structure, using stories based on 'The Ghanaian Goldilocks'. We will explore the difference between fiction and non-fiction and personal recounts. We will be learning spellings and practising comprehension skills together in class each week.
- **Maths** - We will be exploring number, with a starting focus on place value and key number facts such as knowing, recalling and applying different number bond facts. We will also be exploring the 4 main operation along with the language of maths to solve one-step word problems.
- **Science** - We are going to be exploring the 3 States of Matter.
- **Creative Subjects** - We will be looking at the artist Claude Monet, exploring African instruments in DT and learning about food hygiene and looking at recipes in Food technology. In music they will be exploring pitch and melody.
- **RE & PSHCE** - We are going to learn about the Christmas story in RE and looking at the topic of 'Strengths and Jobs' in PSHCE
- **History and Geography** - We will be learning about West Africa and the Kingdom of Benin.
- **Life skills & social skills** - The students will be learning about The Alert programme this term and looking at self-esteem and awareness.

-PE kit bag and a couple of **spare carrier bags** (wet or muddy kit);
-2 x **plain white t-shirts**;
-2 x **white sports socks**;
-2 x **black sports socks** (for outdoor winter sports);
-2 pairs of **plain black shorts**;
-2 pairs of **plain tracksuit/jogging bottoms** - **black or navy blue**;
-1 x **plain white long-sleeved top** for trampolining (to avoid scraping elbows);
-**MHS fleece** or **plain blue / black sport jumper** for outdoor winter sports;

Messages

- We will use **Planners** to communicate any quick messages/reminders. Please also **sign and date** in these books when your child has read at home.
- PE will be Monday and Thursday. 2FJ will have gymnastics/dance on a Monday and **swimming on a Thursday this half term**. Please refer to the general PE kit list in the grey box.
- The **end of the school day** will be 3.50pm Monday/Wednesday, clubs on a Tuesday/Thursday finishing at 4.50pm and Fridays will be 2pm.
- 2FJ will be having **Forest School activities** onsite every **Tuesday next half term**. Please send them in with a **change of outdoor footwear and waterproof jacket** as we will be outside even if it is raining and muddy!
- **Snacks: We will provide** students with fruit and suitable healthy snacks so please **do not send** in any food with your child. This is in line with our school policy being nut-free and supporting any additional allergies.
- **Mrs Francis** will be the class teacher **except Thursdays**. **Mrs Jackson** will be class teacher on a Thursday. Please email Mrs Jackson if it is a Thursday and you need to share anything for that day with the team.
- Ms. Williams has now changed her name to **Mrs. Hine** and continues to be the Deputy Head Teacher with responsibility for Key Stage 2. **Mrs. Enfield** is now the Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Key Stage 2.