

Holt Class Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2!

It has been such a pleasure getting to know your child a little better. We have got a busy few weeks ahead of us and we are really looking forward to starting our learning journey together.

Mrs Haynes will be teaching on a Monday to Thursday and Mr. Walters will be in class on Friday.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning all about ourselves.



We have started off thinking about ourselves as superheroes and later we will be learning fascinating facts about animals, including us humans! We will also be thinking about ourselves as individuals and what makes us unique. We will be

comparing ourselves to people in other cultures and thinking about how we are all the same but different.

In **maths** we will be concentrating on place value, addition and subtraction.

Our **English** will be linked to our topic with a strong emphasis on letter formation, phonics and forming sentences.

P.E

We will be doing PE on a Monday and a Friday. Your child needs to wear their PE kit to school on these days. Our PE kit is navy /black shorts, white T - shirt and trainers. A navy/ black tracksuit can be worn on colder days. Please name all uniform and PE kit.

Attendance An attendance rate of 96% is the expectation for all children, understandably this dropped during covid. We aim to reach the expected level this year.

Reading

Your child will soon be coming home with two books and their yellow reading record. One of the books will be from our school library and your child has chosen this themselves with a bit of guidance. This is a book for them to enjoy looking through at home and they can change it on a **Tuesday** for a new one so please bring them back to school on that day.

The other book is a **colour coded book** which is the book we want them to read at home with an adult.

Children need to bring their colour coded book and reading record into school every day even if it does not need to be changed as there may be an opportunity to read with an adult in school.

Please do not worry if the colour book is not the same as it was in year 1 - if your child is finding a book too easy or too hard just write it in the comments section. Children do lose some of their fluency over the summer break but will quickly progress once they get back into the swing of things.

We really want your child to be a confident and enthusiastic reader!

The best way to ensure this is reading little and often (around 15-20 minutes a day). However children (and adults!) have off days and can be tired after a busy day at school so please don't turn it into a battle. Feel free to read to your child on the days where it is hard work and let them read it the next day or take it in turns to read a sentence each. You do not have to be in a hurry to return the colour coded book so feel free to read it more than once and try not to let your child get too caught up on what colour book they are on; fluency and enjoyment are the key to success!

Spellings

Each week we will be focusing on a different sound, spelling rule or list of tricky spellings. A spelling list will go home on a **Friday** and those spellings will be tested in class the following Friday. We really try to make our spelling sessions fun and enjoyable for the children. Please encourage and help your child practise their spellings, little and often. This can be fun! You could make their spelling words out of playdough, type them on the tablet/computer or write them out in felt tip pens. We will start this in a couple of weeks.

Be Wild!

We will be aiming to get out into the wildlife area at least once a week. As the weather gets worse please send your child with an old named pair of shoes or wellies to keep at school.

Google Classroom

We will be using Google Classroom and will often post announcements, photos and activities on there. Please help your child check this at home regularly. If you need help to access Google Classroom, please just ask.



There is a handy timetable on the back of this page to help remind your child of what they need on each day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and see one of us at the start/end of the school day or send us an email at ehaynes5nra@nsix.org.uk or head@holt.norfolk.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Haynes & Mr. Walters

Handy timetable!

	Event	What to bring
Monday	PE	Wear PE kit Reading record Colour coded book
Tuesday	Change library book	Reading record Colour coded book Library book
Wednesday		Reading record Colour coded book
Thursday		Reading record Colour coded book
Friday	PE Spelling test New spellings given	Wear PE kit Reading record Colour coded book

Wellies kept at school.