

## Hello Class 2 Parents and happy new year!

I hope you had a very good Christmas break. We have a busy spring term ahead - here is some useful information for you. As ever, please find me at the end of the day, or make an appointment via the office, if there's anything you want to talk about!

### The Blog.

Our class blog will continue to keep you up to date with what we have been up to and any information you need to know. It will also include homework (which will also be printed out if need be). You can find it at **littlehoughtonclass2.blogspot.com**. The blog is usually updated on a Thursday evening, or if not, a Friday evening.

### P.E. kits and lost clothes

P.E. will be on a Monday afternoon this term. Please ensure P.E. kits are always in school and that every item (top to socks!) is named. If you have lost any school uniform or P.E. kit, please visit the office as I have put anything left from last term into lost property. Thank you!

### Homework

Homework will continue as usual, but this term the Year 1 children will start to take home spellings. They will be either in Blue or Green group, according to their phonic knowledge (I assessed them before the holidays). More information will come home with their first set of spellings.

### Reading Books: update

The twice-weekly reading groups have been working very well in class. Children and adults alike are enjoying them and your feedback in reading diaries suggests that pre-reading a book in school a couple of times before taking it home is beneficial.

At the end of last term I did some phonics and reading assessments, and have re-grouped the children accordingly. **This means that your child might bring home books they have already read.** Please don't worry about this - it simply means they need to be at a certain level for a little bit longer, and taking home a familiar book will only help with their confidence and fluency.

I will continue to send home Badger books as well of course. **If you find your child would like an extra reading book** each week, please let me know and I will arrange this.

Please read with your child as often as possible - just a couple of pages per day makes the difference!

**Class 2**  
**Spring Term 2024**  
**The Lost Queen**

**English:**

Poetry  
Traditional tales  
Non-fiction reports on castle defence  
Instruction writing  
Descriptive writing

**Maths:**

Addition & Subtraction  
Multiplication & Division  
Y1: place value to 100 Y2: statistics  
Measurement

**Science:**

Materials and their properties  
Animals & their babies/ life cycles

**PSHE:**

Valuing differences  
Rights and Respect

**History:**

Castles  
Medieval life

**Geography:**

The U.K: its countries, capitals  
and flags

**P.E:**

Gymnastics

**R.E:**

What is the 'Good News' that  
Jesus brings? Why does Easter  
matter to Christians?

**Music:**

Jack and the Beanstalk music  
unit  
The Dragon Song

**Art:**

Paul Klee: Castle and Sun  
Medieval style triptychs

**D.T:**

Design and make a paper castle