



Year Two Newsletter

Mrs. Adams

Spring Term 3; 2025-2026



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to School after the Christmas holidays. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break. As always, we have a busy term ahead. Our new topic for the whole of spring term is called 'Coastline.' In the Coastline project, your child will use maps to learn about the location of the world's seas and oceans and keys to learn about map symbols. They will also find out about the directions on a compass. They will learn about the human and physical features of a coastline, including the effects of erosion and how to stay safe when visiting the coast. They will have the opportunity to learn about the work of the RNLI, what happened to the SS *Rohilla* and about the coastal town of Whitby, including how Captain Cook is linked to the town. They will research the tourism industry and consider what features make a place a successful tourist destination. We will also be learning about materials and their properties in science, and we will be using flowers to explore form, texture and colour in art.



Coats

Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day. The weather is very unpredictable and changes quickly. Children still go out at playtimes in light rain.

Reading

The children are getting so much more confident with their reading which is wonderful to see. One of the things the children must develop in Y2 is building their reading stamina. To do this, they need to develop a good level of fluency. When listening to your child read at home, please encourage them to keep their reading fluent, pausing at punctuation correctly. If they get stuck on a word, encourage them to use 'Fred in their Head' to work out the word.

Water Bottles.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, so they have access to a drink whenever they need one. They can bring any water bottle into school. It doesn't need to be a school bought one.

I will send bottles home each Friday to be washed.

Reading Folders

Please remember to bring reading folders into school **every Thursday** so books can be changed for the week. Thursday is the only opportunity for your child's phonics teacher to change books. Reading books must be returned inside the reading folder your child has been given. The folders protect books from getting damaged/ ripped/ wet in bookbags.

Also, please indicate in Reading records each time you have heard your child read.



If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me on Class Dojo, email me cadams@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk or wait to see me after school once all the children have been dismissed. Any absences/ appointments should be sent directly to the school office. I do not check for messages on class dojo during teaching hours so if you require a fast response, please contact the school office.

Homework

Homework will come home on Friday on Class Dojo. It is expected every child will do the online Maths homework, learn the spellings for our weekly spelling test and watch the RWI video. It is also expected that you should hear your child read for 5 minutes each night. This is the minimum amount of homework each child should be completing each week. If your child would like extra home learning, there is the Literacy or topic homework tasks to choose from.

Please ensure children bring their homework books into school each Friday so they can be checked and stamped.

P.E

This term, our PE session will now be on a Monday afternoon. **Please ensure earrings are removed for PE sessions.**

The children will participate in the 'Daily Mile' every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning (weather permitting) at 8.50am. Monday's daily mile session continues to be a whole school session.

Y2's outdoor learning session this half term will be on a Thursday morning. Please remember to send your child in a thick, waterproof coat and wellington boots for these sessions as they will run regardless of the weather. Children can come to school in their forest school clothing but must wear their normal school shoes as wellies are not allowed to be worn inside. They will change into their wellies in the polytunnel.

Uniform

Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This should also include any items your child brings in for forest schools.

Spare clothes request

We are currently running very low on spare clothes. (Boys clothes in particular) If you have any trousers/ jogging pants your child has now grown out of and you no longer need, we would really appreciate them in case of accidents and falls etc. Thank you in advance! Also, it may be helpful for children to keep a spare pair of trousers/ socks in their book bags in case they get muddy or wet at playtimes.