



# Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## This week

The children have been brilliant this week. We continue to be proud of them as they continue to produce amazing work in their books.

We are very excited to announce that we can now offer mid-year nursery places. If your child turns 3 years old between September and December, they can start our nursery in January 2022. If your child turns 3 years old between January and March, they can start our nursery in April 2022. Please visit the office to find out more.

## English

This week in English we, put ourselves in the role of the crayons and identified the features that are needed to write an informal letter. Next week we will be exploring how to write in the '1<sup>st</sup> person' and plan and write an informal letter whilst being in the role of a crayon.



You can listen to the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=489micE6eHU>

### How you can help at home:

Encourage your child to talk about themselves. Explain that when they do that they are speaking in the '1<sup>st</sup> person'.

## Maths

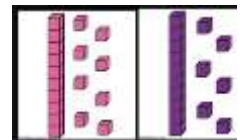
This week in Maths we looked at 2 digit numbers and identified how many tens and ones they have. For example, 23 has 2 tens and 3 ones. We could also say that  $23 = 20 + 3$ .

Next week we are going to represent and compare numbers. We will represent numbers by using a variety of resources to make that number e.g. cubes, dienes, place value number cards. We will compare numbers by ordering numbers from least to most.



### How you can help at home:

Help your child order the ages of the people in their family from least to most. Identify a 2-digit number e.g. 34. How will your child represent that number? They could draw 34 circles, count out 34 biscuits or draw 3 tens and 4 ones.



## Spellings

Every week the children will take part in a spelling test. The spellings we will be sending home are the words the children should know how to automatically spell by the end of Year 2. The children will practise their spellings on a Monday (this is a good way for them to see the words they need to work on) and then their formal test will take place on Friday.

You will find the spellings for their test next week Friday below:

### Year 2 Spellings:

many, prove, bath, every, mind, old, find, eye, both, path

### Lewis Year 1 Spellings:

do, I, so, she, by, be, my, you, he, was

Good luck!

### Arithmetic

Every Monday and Friday your child will complete a mental arithmetic test to develop their mental maths skills. When they complete the first test which will take place every Monday, the adult in class will teach the children what method they need to use to work out the answers. Your child will take this test home.

**Please encourage and support your child to practise the questions they have completed incorrectly.** Your child will retake the same test on Friday which the class teacher will keep in school.

### Reading in Year 2

Your child will be reading with an adult three times per week.

During the sessions we will be focusing on decoding skills (using their sounds to read words), reading with expression and answering questions about the story (comprehension).

Children will not be bringing books home for the first few weeks as we will be listening to them read and levelling them.

It is important that you read with your child at least **10** minutes every night. This will improve their decoding and comprehension skills. Reading materials can include comic books, nonfiction and fiction books, poetry and joke books.

Happy reading!

### Words of the week

**coax**

This means: to persuade or convince someone to do something

**past**

This means: something that happened a long time ago.

Can you use these words in a sentence?

### Start and finish times

Please remember that we open the year 2 doors for children at **8:35am** in the morning. If you arrive and the doors are closed, then you will need to go to the school office.

The school day ends at **3:15 pm**. Please be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child.

If another adult is collecting your child, please inform the office as early as possible.



### Attendance w/e 10/09/2021

We will continue to monitor attendance. The class with the best attendance each week will receive the attendance cup!

Andersen class – 90.2%

Carroll class – 85.4%

Dahl class – 94.8%

Lewis class – 90.4%

Well done to Dahl class with the highest attendance in year 2 for last week



### P.E

Below you will find the days we have P.E. We ask that your child comes to school in their P.E kit on their P.E day. You can purchase our school P.E kit from 'Bubblegum' in Thornton Heath.

Lewis Class: Monday

Dahl Class: Tuesday

Andersen Class: Wednesday

Carroll Class: Thursday

### Have a question or a query?

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher or have a question, you can email us directly at:

Lewis Class:

[lewisclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:lewisclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

Dahl Class:

[dahlclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:dahlclass@winterbourne-inf.croydon.sch.uk)

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