

Morning Routines

As the children are getting older and bigger the corridors seem to get smaller! With this in mind please let your child to come in on their own in the morning so they can get organised and complete their early morning task.



The register is taken promptly at 8.55am. If your child is later than 9.00am, please go to the office to sign them in and record their dinner choice.

Mornings are a very busy time in school and it can be difficult for teachers to talk at any length to any one parent. If you have an issue which you need to discuss in detail, please make an appointment at the office or pop in at the end of the day.

Water bottles



At Tavistock we drink to think! Please help to make classroom routines run smoothly by providing a plastic bottle of water, clearly labelled with your child's name. If this can be separate to those kept in lunch boxes then this is very helpful as children do not then need to leave the room to get their water.

Curriculum

Next year we will be on cycle B of our two year curriculum. And so will be undertaking the following topics:

Autumn - Fire and Plague

Spring - Buildings

Summer - How Does Your Garden Grow?

We will set some home-school learning projects linked to topics as either pre-learning or reinforcement activities.

Learning in Year 2

In Year 2 the learning is more structured but there is still a mixture of visual and practical activities. We usually do Guided Reading, English, Maths and Phonics in the mornings and topic work in the afternoons. However this can vary on a weekly basis.

Reading

Reading books will be changed every Monday. In addition to this, children may borrow books from the colour coded classroom reading boxes. Please remember to sign these out. The more you can hear your child read the more progress they will make. Don't forget to sign your child's reading diary and colour in a star every day they read at home so they can achieve their bronze, silver, gold or even diamond reading certificates.



Please try to encourage your child to visit our library to help to develop their reading further by reading a wide range of books.

Spelling and Grammar

Each Friday, the children will take spellings home to learn. These are a mixture of the Common Exception Words they need to learn and words linked to the Phonics and Grammar lessons that week. The children are then tested the following Friday. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to learn these spellings. They can learn spellings in many ways including writing them out in a list or writing the words in a sentence.

Homework

We expect the children to learn their spellings and read their reading books throughout each week. At different times during the year we may send some Maths home. We will often send topic related project based homework as we start a new topic.



PE

All children should have a named PE kit in school every day including gym shoes. Please check that long hair is securely tied back on PE days and it is preferable if children do not wear jewellery for safety reasons. Sleepers should be removed or taped over to prevent accidents.



Please ensure all items of PE kit are clearly named as well as general school uniform. This really helps your child to be organised and encourages independence as children are able to read their name to find their own clothes.

Parent helpers

After children have initially settled into their new classes we would be most grateful to any parents who are willing to help in class. All parent helpers must be DBS checked before starting to help. Please ask the school office for more information about this.

WELCOME TO YEAR TWO



An information guide for parents