

# Year 2 Newsletter - Classes 3 and 4

## Spring 1 2016

Welcome back to all our children and families. We are really looking forward to the Spring term.

### Curriculum



This term our project is Alive and Kicking and we will be investigating Africa! We will explore some of the different countries and landscapes of Africa as well as investigating the animals; enormous elephants, leaping leopards, lazy lions and marvellous meerkats! Our Literacy will also be linked to Africa – poetry, reports and stories. Numeracy will continue to be taught in ability groups across Year 2.



### Who and what is Investors in Pupils (IIP)?

Our school is working towards renewing our “Investors in Pupils” accreditation which we have held for the last 4 years. Why are we doing this? Well - pupils will...

- Have a better understanding of **how schools work**.
- Become **more involved** in their own education.
- Have a greater understanding of the **school budget** and what money is spent on.
- Understand the need to **respect** and **take care** of resources.
- Set **targets** to help them achieve, as a **team** and **individually**.
- Learn that we **all** have responsibilities within our roles and it is important that we fulfil these.
- Know that everyone has a part to play in school.



Each child sets their own half termly **personal IIP target**, as well as working towards a **whole class target**. Go on...test your children! Do they know theirs? How will they work to achieve their target?



### PE

Both classes 3 & 4 will have PE on a Thursday afternoon with support from a PE specialist, Miss Spencer. It will hopefully be inside as much as possible, but if the hall is in use for special occasions, we will have it outside. Please ensure your child brings a full kit to change into, including appropriate footwear and remember no earrings!

### Home Learning

In line with the school's policy the children will be expected to complete home learning tasks.

**Numeracy** - This will be set by the child's Numeracy teacher once a week and needs to be handed in the following week.

**Project** - The children will be given a project home learning sheet related to 'Alive & Kicking' to complete over the half-term. The children's learning is marked and put in their project or writing book as appropriate.

**Spellings** - The children have been given spellings to learn and they will be tested each week on a Wednesday.

**Reading** - This is a priority for all children. In Year 2, reading at home will be monitored through the 'Reading Olympics'.

**Bronze award 15 reads**

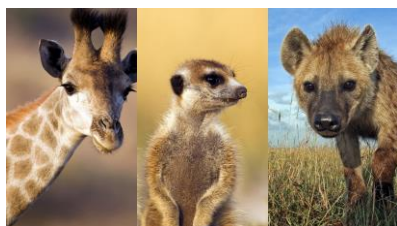
**Ruby award 70 reads**

**Silver award 25 reads**

**Diamond award 100 reads!**

**Gold award 40 reads**

(The children can change their books whenever they need to – they just need to ask!)



### Dates for your diary

#### **Class Assemblies**

Class 3 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm families invited

Class 4 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2.30pm families invited

#### **Pancake Race**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2.30pm families invited – more information to follow

#### **Final Reading Count for this half term**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015

#### **Parents Evening**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

If you have any questions or queries our team are always here to help.

**The Year 2 Team**