



Welcome back to The Very Clever Caterpillars!

We hope you all had a good summer break and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the next year. Below you will find some useful information about our class.

Class Team

Our class team consists of Miss Wood and Miss Miller. As you will probably be aware all teaching staff have half a day non-teaching time to plan and resource lessons. This year that time will be on a Thursday afternoon and Miss Matthews will be covering the class. Mrs Beard (from the other Year 2 class) will help to support her during this afternoon. Please feel free to speak to any member of staff should you have any concerns or queries.

Our Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Charlie and the Fitness Factory'. We will be learning about our bodies and different aspects of keeping healthy – healthy eating, fitness, sleep. We will also be investigating healthy food and planning our own healthy snacks.

The children will be learning about hygiene and discover how hospitals have changed over by learning about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. We will also be locating different places linked to Florence and where different foods come from and plotting them on a map.

Reading and Rewards

All children in Key Stage 1 are encouraged to read regularly at home. Please support your child by reading with them for a short time each day. A signature and/or comment in the Reading Diary would be a great help. Each child who reads at home on a given day will receive healthy 'reading treats' as a way to motivate them. Regular, short reading sessions really do make a huge difference to your child's progress, just a few minutes a day would be really helpful.

Your child will be reading daily on an individual or group basis during Shared Reading. They should also have their Reading Eggs log in for the following website – www.readingeggs.com If you do not have your child's log in details or are new to the school please speak to a member of the team.

Spellings

Children will be practising spelling patterns, phonics and handwriting on a daily basis. A copy of the Year 2 common exception words are attached and are the words we will be focusing on throughout the year.

Maths

Our Maths focus this half term will be on Place Value. We will be learning to use hundreds, tens and ones. It is important that the children know their number bonds to 10 – pairs of numbers that add up to make 10 – and their times tables. This is something you could practise at home. www.mathletics.co.uk is a useful website to help too.

P.E Days

The Very Clever Caterpillars have PE on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, clearly labelled with their name.

We are really excited about the upcoming year and are looking forward to working closely with you to ensure your child reaches their full potential. If you have any worries or concerns, big or small, we would like to encourage you to come and speak to us as soon as possible. We understand that little worries can often grow in to bigger ones if left unchecked so please ask or chat to us about anything. We are here to help.

A huge thank-you for all the hard work you have put in over the summer holidays with reading and homework.

Miss Wood and Miss Miller.