

Reading at home

Your child should continue to read at home on a daily basis. This may be a school reading book or their own book (fiction or non-fiction), library books, comics, newspapers, poetry etc. When your child reads, the majority of this can be done by reading aloud to you or another adult to improve their fluency and expression, on some occasions they may wish to read independently then discuss afterwards. Make sure you ask your child questions about their reading to develop their comprehension skills. Every time they read, whether independently or aloud, please sign their home/school link book and make a comment if needed. Your son/daughter is responsible for bringing their home/school link book in every day for us to monitor their reading. Year 2 children will complete an online quiz based on their reading when they have completed a text. Please read the text twice to allow the children to internalise the story. This enables them to achieve their best score.

Uniform

We encourage our children to wear school uniform and hope you will support us in this. **All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name as this helps to ensure they are responsible for their own belongings.** Uniform consists of
Black school shoes (not trainers)
Navy/black/grey trousers or skirt.
Pale blue/white polo/t-shirt or shirt.
Navy blue sweatshirt,/fleece/jumper/cardigan
Girls—blue checked dresses
Blue shorts and pale blue t-shirt for indoor P.E. For outdoor P.E. trainers, navy or black tracksuit/jogging bottoms, sweatshirt are recommended.

Waterhouses is a healthy eating school. We provide fruit for the children at morning break. Milk is also available at a small cost together with toast. Money for toast is payable daily and should be brought into school in either a purse, envelope or money bag etc. Water is available throughout the day as your child requires.

If you need to speak to us, or have any questions, please feel free to come and see us at the end of the school day or between 8.45—8.50 am.

Alternatively, you can make an appointment if you require a longer meeting. We wish to thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure your son/daughter has an enjoyable and rewarding half term.

Mrs. K. Cooper



Watershouses CE Primary Academy
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God's love***



Otters Class
Year 1/2

Welcome to this half term in Otters' class. This is a brief outline of what we will be learning this half term.

English Writing

This half term we will be exploring playscripts based on traditional tales, writing explanation texts and looking at Christmas/winter poems. The children will continue to develop their punctuation skills and use these in their writing.

Maths

The children will continue to have their own mental maths target which is attached to their home/school link book. The children are practising this target daily in school. They will also be covering:-

Y1— addition and subtraction and shape.

Y2—addition and subtraction, multiplication and division

We will also be holding a money week to develop your child's skills in identifying and using money.

Topic/Science

Our topic this half term is Winter Wonderland. We will be looking at the season of winter and its festivals. We will be exploring economic well being by making objects to sell at the Christmas fayre. In science we will be exploring sound and carrying out investigations to explore different sounds.

R. E.

This half term the children will be exploring two topics. Topic 1- What is the parable of the Lost Son all about? Topic 2: Why do people give presents at Christmas? This topic focusses on the visit by the three wise men in the nativity story.

Music

Over this half term the children will be learning and practising songs for the Christmas nativity performance.

Design and Technology

The children will develop their skills in textiles by making objects and using joining techniques such as sewing to create items for the Christmas fayre.

ICT

The children will be looking at the importance of keeping personal information private when on line, creating bonfire pictures using a painting programme and exploring email.

PHSE

Our value this half term is peace. We will be learning about this value and its relevance in the Christian community. The children will also be looking at staying safe, people who help us in our community and the issues of bullying.

P. E.

P.E. lessons will continue to take place on a Tuesday. If possible, children should keep their P.E. kit in school all week enabling us to have P.E. another day if required. As hygiene is part of the learning, it is important that your son/daughter has a separate P.E. kit and not a school uniform top or clothes worn that day. Jewellery, including watches is not allowed during P.E. and is better not worn for school at other times either. Children with recently pierced ears will not be allowed to take part in P.E until their earrings can be **removed. P.E. is a vital part of your son/daughter's learning and healthy lifestyle** so please ensure they have their correct kit available and do not miss lessons due to minor illness such as a cold. If there is any reason why they should not take part in a lesson, please send a note to explain.

Swimming

Swimming is on a Monday. Please make sure your child has a swimming kit comprising a one piece suit for girls, swimming shorts (not baggy shorts) for boys, a towel and a swimming cap in their house colours, available from the school office. This needs to be in school on a Monday. Jewellery is not allowed for swimming and as with P.E. needs to be removed before a lesson. **Once again swimming is a vital part of your child's learning and healthy lifestyle** so please ensure they do not miss lessons due to minor illness and a note is provided to explain any reason why they should not take part in a swimming lesson.

Home learning

Home learning will be given out on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. This will consist of a phonics based task together with a task from the creative home learning sheet. Some of these tasks may take a little longer so please indicate on the sheet if your child is working on one of these tasks and complete a shorter task weekly.