



Year 2

Porthtowan Class Booklet

Teacher: Miss Taylor

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Williams

SEN Teaching Assistant: Mrs Jackson

HLTA: Mrs Jones

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Welcome to Year 2, Porthtowan Class.

Hello! My name is Miss Taylor and I am your child's new class teacher. I am really excited for this year with my new class and am looking forward to getting to know the children more as they grow through the year.

I appreciate any worries and questions you might have as your child enters this new school year and I'm always happy to help if/when needed.

Mrs Williams is our class Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Jackson is our class SEN Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Jones is our class Higher Level Teaching Assistant and will be with us every Monday afternoon.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with what your child will be learning during the Autumn term in Year 2.

We will work closely with Miss Saunders, Mrs Bunney and the children in Sennen class. Most lessons will be followed by both classes, but some may be class specific.

Literacy Your child will continue to be taught daily in their Read, Write Inc. groups or they will be joining the Literacy and Language group of the RWI programme. This highly successful complete literacy programme helps children learn to read and write through a thorough understanding of phonics and word building. Children are assessed and grouped by ability for these lessons. Your child will be taught by a member of staff from the Infant team.

As a class we will learn to retell exciting and challenging texts through 'Talk For Writing'. Learning texts gives children the confidence and support to write their own stories, poetry and non-fiction. This term we will be learning to retell the enchanting story of "The Magic Paintbrush".

Numeracy We aim to give the children a varied and practical approach to maths as well as using more formal methods. We will have an emphasis on mastering number skills with a focus on place value and operations. We will continue to build on your child's knowledge of shape, space and fractions whilst introducing new written methods over the year.

Science In science, the topics this term will be 'Animals including Humans' and 'Uses of Everyday Materials'.

R.E. We will be exploring the topics: 'What is the Bible?', 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Christmas'.

Computing The class interactive whiteboard is used daily to support lessons. We have access to 30 laptops, 30 netbooks and 30 iPads which will be used to teach ICT skills and to support all other areas of learning.

SEAL (PSHE)/Citizenship We will be reflecting on 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting On and Falling Out'.

Topic We will be covering the curriculum in History, Geography, Music, Design and Technology and Art through a topic each term. This term our topic is 'Toys'. We will explore toys of today and the past looking at similarities and differences. We will also look at family favourites and invite the children during the term to bring in a toys which is special to a family member. We will also have a chance to get creative and make a toy of our own.

P.E. As a school we have adopted a PE curriculum called 'Real PE'. Within our PE this term we will focus on 'Co-ordination' and 'Balance'. Your child may wear a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. lessons in this term when the weather starts to get cooler, however please ensure your child has black shorts and a white T-shirt for indoor P.E. lessons.

A named P.E. kit should be in school at all times.

Spellings Each half term a list of weekly spellings will be sent home. The children will have the opportunity to practice these daily in school but it would benefit them if they have a chance to practice them at home too.

Home Reading Books

Please send your child's reading book and book bag into school daily. Your child will be given a book of the same colour of their Read Write Inc group and will have the opportunity to **change it themselves** as required. We may have an opportunity to listen to your child read this book but as a rule, we will not be reading home books in school.

If your child needs support reading their book, help them to sound out the letters in the words then "push" them together to make the whole word. Try not to refer to the letters by their names but rather their "sound". Use this link to hear the sounds <http://www.ruthmiskintraining.com/teacher-support/61/index.html>

Expectations in Year 2

Children are expected to be prepared to learn and focused in their learning environment. Children are encouraged to work as a team and we strive to create a happy and supportive environment for everyone.

Class rewards

Dojo points (Whole school system) Green dojo points are awarded for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. Red dojo points are given for behaviours and attitudes which need work.

Dojo points (Class system) To encourage the children to work as a team there will be a total of dojos for the class to aim for. Once the children have reached this goal they will vote on a class treat.

Star the Week (Class System) A star of the week is chosen each Friday and is chosen for a specific reason- for example- demonstrating outstanding behaviour, showing kindness, working their hardest, being a fantastic friend...etc. The chosen star will take our class mascot home for the weekend and share their adventures with the class through the diary. The star of the week will also be able to bring in a show and tell to share with the class on the Friday. It is a star of the week privilege to have show and tell.

Morning routine To encourage independence and responsibility for their own belongings, we would like the children to come into the cloakroom by themselves each morning. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school as we will go outside to play in all weathers! All children must bring a **named** bottle of water to school.

End of the day routine At 3:15 please wait for your child in the KS2 playground where they will be seen out by myself. If you have another child who you will be collecting from the KS1 playground then Mrs Williams will bring your child to this playground if you'd prefer. Please let us know if you would like to do this in advance.

We hope you will find this booklet useful.

If you have any further questions we are always willing to answer them at the end of the school day when things are generally less frantic than at the beginning!

We look forward to an enjoyable and happy year working with you and your child.