

**Topics we are teaching this term include:**

Humanities – What was life like in a castle?

Science – Ourselves and Growing;  
Plants and Animals

Art - Printmaking and Drawing

R.E – Islam and Buddhism.

**Staff in Year 2 are:**

**Teachers:**

Mrs S Stasevich

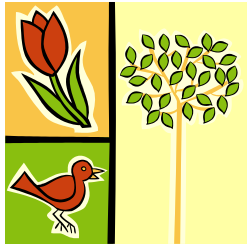
Miss C Gulliver

**Teaching Assistants:**

Mrs Jane Thompkinson

Mrs Sally Read

Mrs Rufina Jackson

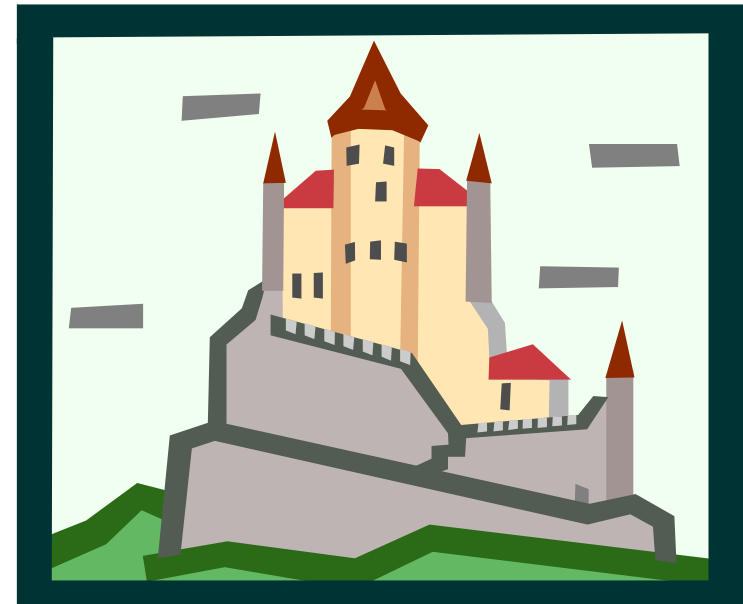


**Communication**

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or question, please talk to the class teacher who will be around at the end of each day. If you are still concerned please talk to the Phase co-ordinator (Mr Dee) or Mr Wood.



# *Year 2 Newsletter*



*Summer Term 2008*

## WELCOME!

Welcome back to a busy but exciting term!

## Reading

Year 2 are now part of the phase 2 team (years 2/3/4) with Mr David Dee as phase leader, who is currently teaching in Year 6. Phase 2 are keen to raise the profile of reading at Clifford road and to develop the excellent support which parents can give to the children regarding reading. All pupils should be reading every day in addition to any homework set. Hopefully, this new phase we provide opportunities for the children of Years 2, 3 and 4 to share library and reading experiences together!



## Trips

After half-term both Year Two classes will visit Orford Castle as part of our 'What was life like in a castle?' topic. The children get to look around the castle, have lunch in the grounds and if the weather is good, have a stroll along the beach! Any willing parent helpers will be much appreciated! More information will be sent out nearer the trips date.



## Writing:

All pupils will be asked to write in a writing journal of some kind from time to time. This may be a class journal that is shared around the class or an individual journal where each child can write their own thoughts.



## Maths:

Helping your child to learn and reinforce basic numeracy skills is always welcomed. This could be things such as:

- \* Times tables particularly for year 2, 2x, 5x, 10x and for some pupils 3x and 4x.
- \* Number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100.



## Our homework timetable for next term will be:

Homework will be given on your child's guided reading day with maths games in addition on Friday's. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag into school everyday and that maths games are returned by Wednesday's.

## P.E.

P.E. is on a Tuesday and Friday for Class 11 and Thursday and Friday for Class 12. **Swimming** for both classes will take place on Tuesday's. Any parent helpers for swimming lessons will be warmly welcomed!

We would ask for your support because it has come to attention over the last half term that many pupils are not bringing in a change of clothing for P.E. Unfortunately children have to miss their P.E session if they do not have a change of clothes.

The current P.E. kit is:

Green shorts  
School design T-Shirt  
Plimsolls and Trainers  
Alternatively a plain white T-Shirt and plain shorts or plain track suit. A change of clothing and footwear is essential. Pupils should not wear jewellery or earrings on P.E or swimming days.

