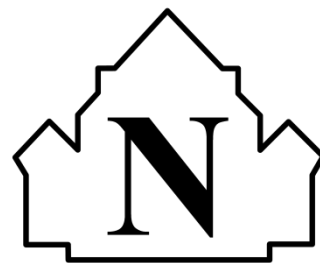


Wednesday 6th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



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Welcome back Prosper Class – Year 2!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had a lovely summer holiday. We are all looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of exciting things planned.

Prosper teaching staff

We would like to remind you that for the autumn term, Miss Morton will teach the class from Monday to Thursday with Miss Grubb as the class teaching assistant. On a Friday, Miss Grubb will teach the class all day with Mrs Wade supporting.

Topic:

Our first topic for this term is: 'Do we all have superpowers? We will be considering what makes a superhero 'super' and think about whether ordinary people can be super too. Please refer to the topic overview for a more detailed explanation of all the subjects we will cover this half-term. As a finale to our topic, we will be making our own short movie to share what we have learnt over the topic. Therefore, we have two key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th October – Superhero dress-up day for the filming of our own movie. Children to come to school dressed in a superhero costume. This can be a well-known superhero or a generic costume e.g. cape and mask.

Tuesday 17th October – 2.30pm – Prosper Movie Premiere – We would like to invite our parents and carers to look at the work we will produce this half-term as well as watch our short movie: 'Do we all have superpowers? We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

We would like to hear from any of our parents, carers or family that have a real-life superhero job. If you have a job that helps people, and would be willing to talk to our class about it, please contact Miss Morton to arrange an appropriate time to visit our class. The purpose of our topic this term is for the children to realise the real-life qualities such as kindness, bravery and perseverance that make a person special.

PE

Our class will have PE with Mr Bacon, our PE apprentice, on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their appropriate PE kit in school at all times:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with biro).

If your child takes part in a sports club afterschool, please ensure their kit is returned to school the next day, or bring a spare kit for the club.

Reading:

Children will be given their individual reading book this week. It is expected that they will read at home **at least 3 times per week**. All children will also read their individual reading book to an adult in school once a week. This could be with any of the adults who work in Prosper class. As well as this, your child will have group reading activities during guided reading and Read Write Inc. daily.

In year 2, when your child is ready, they will move onto the Accelerated reader program. This will happen once children are confident and fluent readers on the Green book band. Miss Morton will inform you by letter, once your child has moved onto this scheme. Any children that were already on Green book band or above in year 1, will be tested for AR this week before they bring a book home. We would like to remind you that Accelerated Reader focuses on a child's comprehension of a text. In order to understand what they read, a child must read fluently. Therefore, you may find that the texts are easier to decode than the reading books that they had before. As part of the AR program, your child will complete a quiz once they have finished reading a book. Your child must have their book for **at least 2 days** before they are allowed to quiz and change their book. Once you have finished reading a book at home, it would help if you asked them questions about what they have read. A bookmark of generic question stems will be sent home with your child's reading record this week.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the new reading reward scheme (see separate letter tomorrow).

Homework:

1. Reading: at least three times a week (reading records will be checked on a Monday morning)
2. A Maths activity linked to learning the times table facts for the Times table Adventure
3. Spellings/handwriting activity

Homework folders will be given out on a Friday. They should be returned by the following Friday morning at the latest. We suggest that you keep hold of the folders for as long as possible to have enough time to practise the spellings and multiplication facts set. Children will be tested on their spellings and times tables on a Friday. Results will be put back in their homework folders so that you know how they got on.

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Prosper class. Please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. However, if you have any matters that need addressing, you can leave a message with the member of staff on the door but please be aware that they will not be able to arrange for you to see us personally. If you urgently need to discuss something with us directly, please speak to a member of staff in the office who will contact us.

We are very much looking forward to year ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morton and Miss Grubb
Prosper team

