Term 1 Dates: 6/9/23 – First day back! **First Forest School session** 15/9/22 - Behaviour and restorative justice workshop for parents with Mr Healey (8:50, 14:40 + 17:30) 27/9/23 – National Fitness Day 9/10/23 – Year 2 trip to Hooke Court: More information to follow 10/10/23 – World Mental Health Day 13/10/23 – 'Fabulous Friday' (14:40 – 15:10) - all year groups • 19/10/23 – Last day of Term 1. Halloween dress up day and IKB Friends and Community Halloween disco after school 20/10/23 - INSET day for Staff. IKB closed.

Welcome to Year 2! Term 1 2023



Don't forget that our attributes are

- We are positive
- We are engaged
- We are responsible
- We are respectful
- We are resilient
- We rise to challenges At IKB, we believe that
- Every Child Achieves
- Every Child Belongs
- Every Child Participates in learning, enrichment and the community

<u>English:</u> This half-term, our key texts are 'Fleabag' by Helen Stephens and 'You wouldn't want to be a Victorian Schoolchild!' by John Malam. We will be focussing on writing sentences using capital letters and full stops. We will start to use a wider range of conjunctions to extend our sentences (eg because, but, when, if, so)

<u>Maths</u>: We will begin by looking at place value for numbers up to 100; comparing them, partitioning them into tens and ones, and ordering them. We will also be counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3, and revisiting fact families for numbers up to 20. Towards half-term, we will begin to add two 2-digit numbers using a range of practical apparatus and written methods.

Reading:

We will be continuing to practise our VIPRS skills.

- V = Understanding Vocabulary.
- I = Inferring information from what has been read.
- P = Predicting what might happen next.
- R = Retrieval questions to find answers in the text.
- S = Summarising and sequencing the text to explain what has happened and what it is about.

<u>PE:</u> This will be every Tuesday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school in a drawstring bag and that all items of clothing are named. <u>Forest School:</u> This will be on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has waterproof clothing and suitable 'play' clothes in a drawstring bag. Wellies are needed as well please. In addition, it is really important that arms and legs are covered in Forest School even if the weather is warmer. Long-sleeved t-shirts and leggings/joggers are best please.

<u>Home Learning</u>: Please read 5 times a week for 5 minutes with your child and write in their yellow recording book, encouraging your child to stop at full stops and add expression. Please refer to the bookmark that your child will bring home in September; it offers suggestions of questions to ask your child about the book they are reading to help develop their comprehension skills.

Spelling practice sheets will come home each Tuesday and they will focus on a particular pattern and also include some common exception 'tricky' words each week. There will be ideas of activities to try at home with your child and 15 minutes spread over the week will be hugely beneficial to your child. If spelling packs could please come to school every Monday, then I can get them ready for the next day. The children are continuing with their Numbots home maths challenges online and these are brilliant for improving speed and accurate calculating.

Please do come and speak to Mrs Hitchin or Ms Hembrow if you have any questions, queries or concerns.