

January 2018



St Ives Infant School Year 2 Newsletter

**Happy New Year
and welcome back.**

Planning, preparation and Assessment

PPA time will be every
Monday afternoon
and will be covered
by:

Cormorant: Jill

Phillips

Sandpipers: Caroline
Briggs

While Jenny Crow is
away on sick leave
Emily Lewis will be
covering Cormorant

PE Kit

Please send PE kit in a
labelled bag, making
sure the kit is also
named

The kit should be sent in
on a Monday so that it
can stay on your child's
peg and be used as and
when needed.

Label Clothing

Please put your child's
name in their school
uniform so that the tops
are easy to identify when
lost.

Weekly Spellings

We have made adjustments to our approach to spelling after taking into consideration comments from parents and children over the last half term. We are introducing a new format for the weekly spellings which will include the 'phoneme of the week' as well as exception words which are not phonetically decodable.

Under each word is a space to practise writing the spelling and at the bottom of the page there is a space to use these words to write sentences. Children tend to learn the spellings as individual words but it takes longer for them to start to use them consistently when writing sentences. We would therefore like to encourage them to write the words in sentences too.

Each child will have a green book with their weekly spellings. The spelling list will be given out each Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday. The children will be learning their spellings in school through the week too. We do appreciate that family life is busy and that sometimes it is hard to fit everything into a week! Inside the cover of the book are helpful ideas on the many creative ways children can learn to spell. The ideas show how learning spellings can be fun. The children can use the book to record their different ideas.

We hope you find the new format easier to use! We would welcome your feedback.

Reading Together at Home

Please try and read for five minutes each day with your child, when you have time. The children have an opportunity to change their books every morning. We will be sending home questions that you can use to help develop their comprehension skills.



**Thank you for working in
partnership with us.**

Devinder Sharma Benjamin and Emily Lewis