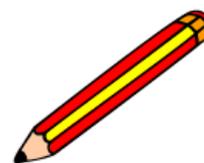


Welcome to Year 2!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you had a great summer and the sun was shining wherever you were! As we settle into the new school year, we thought it would be useful to provide some information about how things work in the year group.

Year 2 Staff

A number of friendly faces make up the Year 2 team. Hopefully the table below will help you to know who is where and when.

2H		2F	
Teacher	Mr Hopes	Teacher	Mr Fletcher
Teaching Assistants	Mr Stokes – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Davison – Thursday and Friday Mrs Cook (AM) Mrs Shore (PM)	Teaching Assistants	Mrs Hines Mrs Martin

Reading

Choose Books

The children are given the opportunity to change their 'Choose Book' most days. They do this by choosing from a selection of books appropriate to their reading level. These books have a coloured band stuck at the base of the cover. We promote independence in Year 2 and expect the children to do this themselves – if you notice your child has not changed their book please encourage them to do so.



Library books

Your child will also be given the opportunity to choose a book from the library on a **Wednesday**. This will be of their own choosing and they may need help to read it! These books are distinguishable by the barcode stuck on the inside of the front cover.

Guided Reading book

Children will read with an adult in a smaller group a few times each week. This book will sometimes be slightly more challenging than their 'Choose Book' and will often (but not always) be sent home to allow your child to demonstrate the reading completed at school.

Once your child has finished reading, try to ensure the book is returned to their book bag so that they can be changed on a regular basis.

Reading Targets

Your child's teacher will often write a comment or target in their Reading and Homework Diary after reading with your child at school.

How should I use their Reading and Homework Diary?

Please try to read with your child each day and record this reading in your child's Reading and Homework Diary. These will be checked daily and will also be written in by their teacher or teaching assistant after hearing your child read. Throughout the year, reading challenges will take place so please check book bags and diaries for letters and further details.

Please ensure your child's Reading and Homework Diary is always in their book bag. The children are required to place these on their desks each morning, allowing us to check for any messages. Please remind your child to do this, particularly if an important message has been written. We will initial the message to let you know we have read it.

Spellings

The children will be starting a new, exciting spelling programme once they have settled into Year 2. This takes the form of daily, short spelling sessions with children developing different techniques to embed spellings, playing spelling games and working in groups or with a partner. To consolidate their learning the children will soon be receiving spellings to practise at home. Please look out for these in their homework folder. Further instructions will be included with the first spellings sent home.



Homework

All homework will be related to topics covered in the curriculum. The amount of homework given may vary so look for the 'due in by' date at the top of each piece. Each child will be given a homework folder. Please encourage your child to keep homework within their folder. Homework will be handed out on a **Friday** and collected on a **Wednesday**. Please remind your child to return their homework on time each week.

P.E.

2H: *Tuesday and Thursday*

2F: *Tuesday and Thursday*



Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit, including trainers that fit and outdoor clothes for the colder weather. Please label all PE kits clearly. If your child has long hair it should be tied up for safety reasons. Earrings should be removed before coming to school or your child will be asked to remove them before participating in the lesson. If this is not possible, please provide your child with medical tape to cover the earrings.

Curriculum:

Each day the children have an hour Maths lesson. We aim to facilitate a love of working with number by ensuring we tailor the curriculum to each of your child's needs. This may mean that your child works with a different teacher or classroom within Year 2.

The children have a Class English lesson and a reading skills lesson every day. During Class English lessons, the children will explore many fantastic texts, inspiring many activities including writing, art and design. Specific reading skills lessons take place in a number of smaller groups across Key Stage 1. This means your child is taught at precisely the right level for their ability; meaning they experience success, are challenged appropriately and enjoy their learning.

In Year 2 the Science, History, Geography, Art and DT objectives are taught through a series of topics, often inspired by the text being read in Class English. These topics last for 2 to 3 weeks. Below is a table with details of the topics currently planned for the autumn term.

<u>Topic Title</u>	<u>Description</u>
The Great Fire of London	An exciting topic with the chance to build our own London and see how the fire spread so quickly.
Inventions and Scientists	Learning about famous scientists and inventors linked to the Year 2 science curriculum.
Our World Around Us	A chance for your child to develop their global awareness by comparing their own locality to places around the world.
The Gunpowder Plot	Remember, remember the fifth of November....
Marvellous Materials	A hands-on topic about the uses of everyday materials and comparing their suitability for different purposes.

General Reminders

- All uniform and PE kit should be clearly labelled.
- The children are **not** required to bring any of their own equipment. All pencils, rubbers etc. will be provided.
- No toys are allowed in school. Items brought in to show the class should be items of interest rather than toys.

If you have any queries regarding the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to having a fantastic year!

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Hopes and Mr J Fletcher