



Dear Parent/Carer & children,

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to all the pupils in Year 2! It is great to see you all again and all of those happy faces as we begin our new term. Quick reminder that's this year is a really significant year in school for your children, as they embark on their final year of Key Stage 1 and prepare for Key Stage 2. They will become confident, independent learners this year and develop the many skills they have learnt already! We are aiming for a 'can do' attitude from all pupils this year who show respect and are kind to others 😊.

Communication

Teachers will be out on the playground for a few minutes before school each day at 8:40 to meet the children and will be at the door after school until all children have been dismissed. We understand that you may be anxious to meet your new child's teacher and have lots of questions, so please feel free to speak to us if you have any queries.

Curriculum

This term, Year 2 will be focussing on reading, writing and maths in our morning sessions and topic learning in the afternoon. We do **Read Write Inc** for phonics to support our learning of sounds and sight words and to develop our fluency in reading. We will also be doing **Maths Mastery** this year alongside our maths lessons, which will encourage our use of basic maths skills to support our counting and problem solving. In **Science**, we will be learning all about different materials, their properties and their uses. We will be investigating which materials are suitable for which uses and we will be exploring how materials can be changed.

Through topic learning of our foundation subjects such as History, Geography, RE, Art and Music we will be exploring and learning lots of new things.

Geography: This term we will be learning all out continents and oceans. We will be looking at the world's seven continents and five oceans. We will also be identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

RE we will be learning all about the Jewish Faith Judaism. We will be learning about how, where and why Jewish people pray and what they believe in. we will also be exploring the festivals that they celebrate.

DT: We will be exploring different structures and looking at how engineers design and build things within our world. We will then design, make and evaluate our own structures.

Music: This term we are very lucky to have our in house music teacher Mr Woodward, who will work with us every two weeks on music skills in singing, listening and appraising, composing and performing.

RESPECT: We will also be doing our RESPECT curriculum which links to our RESPECT values which we will be referring to daily - Resilience, Empathy, Self- awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork! We will need to use all of our values to successfully complete our learning together this year!

Home Learning

To help support your child at home, we encourage parents to read with your child **at least 3x per week** and sign their reading record diary with a date and signature. Frequent reading will enable your child to increase their language fluency, comprehension skills and reading stamina. Please bring book bags, reading book and reading record diaries every day so the children can read in class. They will also be given a class library book to take home for parents/ carers to read with them for pleasure. Another excellent way to support your child at home, is by practising reading and spelling of the common exception words for Year 2. These can be found in





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reading record diaries. This year we will also be reciting our 2x, 5x, and 10x tables, so any practise at home the children can do to recall these will help your child within their learning.

General Information

Water bottles – Please send your child in with a reusable water bottle each day with their name clearly labelled. The children have access to these at all times during the school day and keeping hydrated is really important. Polite reminder – **please only send water in your child's bottle**. Fizzy drinks and strong juice are not allowed as we are a healthy school.

Fruit – During playtimes we do have fruit available for every child each day.

PE – This year we are asking children to bring in their own PE kits on the day that they have PE. Please can you provide your child with a white t shirt, black shorts and trainers/pumps in a labelled bag. Please can this be provided from next week.

PE Days

2AD – Mrs Duffin – Friday PM

2LE – Miss Winder – Friday PM

2VR – Miss Roberts – Thursday PM

Drop off and collection

School starts at 8:40 and the children are expected to line up on the playground at their class space.

Children in Miss Roberts' class will leave at 3:15pm from the entrance next to the upper school car park.

Miss Edwards' class will leave at 3:20pm from the same door (upper school car park entrance)

Mrs Duffin's class will leave from the entrance opposite the hub building on the same playground at 3:20pm

Our Year 2 Team –

KS1 lead- Mrs Wilkinson

2AD – Mrs Duffin and Miss Shields

2VR – Miss Roberts and Miss Hill

2LE – Miss Edward and Miss Wallwork

We are really looking forward to working with your child this year and hope that they enjoy their time in Year 2 and always try to do their very best 😊

