



Introduction to Year 2

Year 2 Staff

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Miss Bailey

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Watson

Mrs Akhtar

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Daily Routines

- In Year 2 we aim to make the children become more independent learners. Encouraging them to take responsibility for remembering their own book bags, letters and water bottles.
- Children are working hard to get used to a new timetable and ways of working within the classroom. (Both for YR2 and COVID)
- Doors open at 8:40
- Children begin with a daily 5 maths tasks and morning work while all children arrive.
- We do one long lesson each morning either English or Maths.
- Morning playtime / afternoon play
- There will be phonics everyday after lunch for 30 minutes.
- Doors open to go home at 3:10.
- PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday Children must come dressed in their full kit with appropriate PE footwear.
- Reading books will be changed once a week. Any additional reading you do with your child will be a huge benefit to them.
- Spelling tests each Friday. Please ensure your child practises their spellings each week and is ready for their test.

Curriculum

We aim to make work both enjoyable yet challenging through a topic based approach.

This is very similar to year 1 in that each topic theme is weaved throughout both core and foundation subjects. Through this approach children have the opportunity to practise and develop literacy skills across the curriculum. It also encourages children to be more reflective in their learning and continue to research themes out of school.

But most of all its more interesting and fun!!

Reading

- Children will be heard reading during the week in a group and 1-1 for some children.
- Reading takes place in lots of different contexts, your child may read 1:1 with a teacher, as part of a guided group session, with a partner in phonics or as a whole class.
- Remember reading to your child is as important as listening to them.

Phonics

- We will continue the daily phonics programme and split the year group accordingly.
- Some children may need to continue with Year 1 phonics - they will work as part of a small guided group.
- It is essential for the children to continue these decoding skills at home also, using the speed sound chart.

Spellings

- Spelling tests every Friday.
- Children will have a mixture of words each week. Most weeks these will relate to the phonics sounds they are learning but some weeks they will also be part of the statutory list of spellings that Year 2 must learn. They will also have two common exception words each week.
- By the end of end of Year 2 Children need to be able to read, spell and confidently use the common exception words in their writing.

Maths

- We use lots of maths at home, in everyday activities such as cooking, shopping and DIY. You can talk with your child about things like making a shopping list, money for counting and measuring.
 - Counting forwards and backwards.
 - Models and images.
- They need to know their 2x, 5x and 10x table by the end of year 2.

Homework

- Homework will be sent home at the end of each half term and return to school the by the second week back after a holiday.
- Homework will usually be topic based (Art, Dt, Science) however as we approach end of KS1 assessments in May children will receive practice SATs papers to complete at home.

Topics

Due to the unprecedented events of this year we are going to be spending the first few weeks concentrating on revising some of the key skills from Year 1 to ensure children are feeling confident being back in an academic setting.

Year 2 Topics

Adventures with Knights - Term 1

Adventures in the Arctic, Polar Explorers
and Scrumdiddlyumptious – Term 2

Adventures of the High seas – Term 3

Trips and Hooks

Obviously this year is going to be significantly different to any other year in school that the children have experienced. We would love to be taking the children out on trips however unfortunately this year the only planned trip will be towards the end of the year. However, it is one of the most exciting trips we do in year 2.

The seaside!!

We will however do our very best to make each topic as interesting and exciting as possible through such things as pirate dress up days and Art/DT projects.

End of year Expectations

- By the end of year 2 the average pupil is now expected to achieve 'secure'.
- This is the National Expectation, however it is important to remember that children are all **unique** and may not achieve this benchmark or may even exceed it.
- Remember it's the **progress** they make and the praise they receive that is important

Key Stage One SATs

Children will complete the Year 1 phonics check in December. Any children who do not pass this benchmark will have the opportunity to retake the test later in the year.

SATs - If these go ahead this year they will take place in May
(week to be confirmed)

- English Reading – Paper 1, Paper 2 reasoning
 - English Writing
- Maths – Paper 1 Arithmetic, Paper 2 Reasoning
 - Science – Teacher Assessment
- KS1 SATs are used only to aid Teacher Assessment in these areas.
 - Teacher Assessment is ongoing throughout the year.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of us.

Your support is fundamental to your child's success and achievements and good parental partnership is vital to us.

Please take a copy of the handouts about how to best support your child at home.