

Lynch Hill School September 2020

Aim high, work hard, care deeply



Foreword from Mrs Tomlinson

I cannot wait to welcome you all in September and hope that it will be the start of a school year filled with amazing opportunities, new challenges and endless fun.

Each day, I feel very grateful and extremely proud that I am the Headteacher of this school: a school where our vision is to '***Aim High, Work Hard and Care Deeply***'. It is important to know that this isn't just an expectation for the pupils, every adult in the school has to do this too. If we are all aiming high, working hard and caring deeply, then Lynch Hill School is a place where anything is possible, where targeted outcomes are achieved and the support and commitment is there to enable everyone to develop, to grow and to experience what success feels like.

I want this new school year to be a year where you make the most of all that is on offer at Lynch Hill, where you are able to embrace challenge and one where you feel brave enough to try new things. You are not alone; we are on this journey together.

A Welcome to Year 2

Welcome all to Year 2! This year marks the last year in Key Stage 1. In this year your children will learn to hone their skills to become excellent writers, mathematicians, scientists and much more!

Within this year, we encourage the children to become more independent, remembering their PE kits and being able to ready themselves for the end of the school day.

At the end of this year, your child will undertake SATS tests. These include two maths tests (Mental Arithmetic and Reasoning) and two English reading tests. These help to inform the teacher-assessed SATS results.

The Staff in Year 2



Miss Moran



Mrs Rai



Miss Hall



Mrs Matthews



Miss Richardson



Mrs Maule



Mrs Iernia



Mrs Bangs



Mrs Tyson

Introduction to Miss Hall

Hello! I'm Miss Hall. I love cats and have two at home. I have been teaching Year 2 for two years now and I love it. I like being outdoors, making things and the colour green. I am looking forward to meeting you all!



Introduction to Mrs Matthews

My name is Mrs Matthews. I really love teaching English. I especially love learning all about nocturnal animals in the Spring term.

I really enjoy reading and going to the cinema with friends. My favourite ways to exercise are to run and walk my dog Bertie. I am looking forward to meeting you all in September!



Introduction to Mrs Maule



My name is Mrs Maule and I have been teaching in Year 2 for six years! I love teaching English and maths, especially fractions; they're my favourite!

Outside of school I like to go on long country walks with my dog Chunk!

I can't wait to meet you all in September!



Introduction to Miss Moran

My name is Miss Moran and I'm the teacher for 2G. I'm very much looking forward to teaching you guys next year! I can't wait to get to know you guys but I thought I'd tell you a little bit about myself. My favourite school subject is Writing and Topic 😊 My favourite children's authors are Roald Dahl and Jacqueline Wilson!

My favourite colour is yellow and my favourite snack is tea and biscuits. See you in September!



Introduction to Mrs Rai

Hello Year 2! My name is Mrs Rai and I'm going to be a Year 2 teacher. I love Year 2 and all the exploring, learning and fun we get to have. I particularly love to teach Maths Mastery, I could teach it all day. I also love reading stories; story time is my favourite time.

I love giving lots of rewards like bonus points and golden tickets. I am so excited to spend the next year learning and growing with you!



Introduction to Miss Richardson

Hello I'm Miss Richardson, I've been teaching in Year 2 for a few years now and I love it. I think that you are all going to really enjoy it too! In school I enjoy teaching English and doing creative activities like painting.

At home I have 2 year old daughter who keeps me very busy doing things like making cakes and watching baby shark! I hope you're looking forward to being in your new class, I am really excited to meet you all. 😊



Our Classrooms and our unit

Below are photos of our shared areas and classrooms.



5 Fun facts about Year 2

1. Most importantly first of all - we have air-conditioning! That makes the Year 1 teachers very jealous because we can stay cool in the hot weather.
2. We learn about lots of famous people in Autumn, including Florence Nightingale, Picasso and Martin Luther King.
3. We have break times and lunch times on the Key Stage 2 playground and field. That gives us lots of room to run around!
4. We have two teachers with surnames beginning with 'R' and three teachers with surnames beginning with 'M' - that makes naming our classrooms really difficult! 😊 (We also have two members of staff with the same first name, but you'll have to guess who!).
5. In the summer we get to go to Whipsnade zoo and see all the amazing animals!

Equipment

In Year 2 we provide you with the resources you need to complete your work. Please bring in a book bag every day that contains the following:

- ▶ Homework folder containing your completed homework
- ▶ Homework diary
- ▶ Reading books
- ▶ Library book
- ▶ Packed lunch if you're not having school dinners

PE Kits

- ▶ A plain or school yellow T shirt, black shorts, black leggings and a change of trainers for outdoor games.
- ▶ Black or grey tracksuit for outdoor games.
- ▶ A dark waterproof sports jacket is advisable for KS2 children, who are expected to participate in outdoor PE in all weathers.
- ▶ Swimming kit (yr3) - plain black or grey swimsuit / trunks, swimming hat and goggles.

Homework

- ▶ Handwriting and 20 minutes of reading - Monday to Friday
- ▶ Comprehension - Friday
- ▶ Maths - Tuesday
- ▶ Apart from your homework, you will have access to great online resources like Times Tables Rock Stars, DB Primary and PiXL. They contain amazing activities to secure and deepen your learning.

Breakfast club, Fun Zone and after school clubs

Breakfast Club

- ▶ Breakfast club doors are open between 8.00am and 8.25am. The child enters through the double white doors at the end of the Year 1 classrooms.
- ▶ Breakfast club is open to all and can be paid for, in advance, online.

Fun Zone

- ▶ Fun Zone is an after school supervised club that runs from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. Spaces are limited so places need to be applied for via the school office.

After-school clubs

- ▶ We offer a variety of after-school activities which can be sport-based, crafts and many others. A letter is sent out prior to each half term to allow you to apply for these.
- ▶ Spaces are limited so giving every child one club per half term is the first priority.

The school day

Below is an example of a timetable your child may have:

Day	8.50-10.15	9.55 – 10.15	10.15-10.30	10.30-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-1.45	1.45-2.00	2.00-2.55	2.55-3.00	
Monday	Maths	Praise Assembly	B	English (one session of PE per week)	L	Topic		RE	Reflection	
Tuesday	Maths		R	English	U	Comprehension		Science	Circle Time	Reflection
Wednesday	Maths		E	English	N	Topic	Thought of the week	PE	Reflection	
Thursday	Maths	IPC Learning Goals Assembly	A	English	C	Music / PSHE		Computing	Reflection	
Friday	Maths		K	English	H	Comprehension	Singing Assembly	KIDZONE		

FAQs

- ▶ How was my child levelled at the end of last year?
 - ▶ Last academic year we gave the children a predicted grade based on their performance up to March 2020. This is to allow their new teachers an awareness of their ability and plan accordingly.
- ▶ What is going to happen to Year 2 and Year 6 SATS?
 - ▶ Currently the department for education has not given out guidance how what assessment will take place at the end of the academic year in July 2021. As soon as we have been informed we will communicate this with parents.
- ▶ Will there be parent interviews this year?
 - ▶ We have scheduled in these and will ensure appropriate safety measures are in place prior to these taking place. If there is any change to these plans, we will communicate this to the parents as soon as we are able.

Trips

- ▶ In the Spring term we visit *The Living Rainforest* to learn all about rainforest animals and plants. This relates to our Topic subject for the Spring term, *Earth: Our home*.
- ▶ In the summer, we visit Whipsnade Zoo. We get to see lots of different animals from all over the world. Most importantly, we get to eat an ice cream!