



7 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 2!

It has been wonderful meeting all of the children and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead. We would like to reassure you that the children's wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds as they make the transition to Year 2. Our aim over the coming weeks is to really get to know the children and to help them to feel comfortable, happy, and relaxed in their new classrooms.

We understand that the children's school life so far has its hurdles so please be assured that we will be carefully planning lessons to address any gaps in their knowledge and understanding.

Whilst the school day is beginning to return to normal, we will still be encouraging the children to wash and sanitise their hands and will be reinforcing the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' slogan when they cough and sneeze.

We will be hosting a virtual 'Welcome to Year 2 Meeting' on **Thursday 16th September at 1:30**. We will be discussing the year ahead and this will be an opportunity for us to answer any questions you may have.

Reading

Reading books will continue to be sent home and can be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. We expect all children to read daily with an adult and this should be logged in their yellow Reading Record. Phonics lessons will resume across KS1 once the children have been assessed and grouped. The children will be bringing home a Phonics book each week to share.

Writing

In Year 2 we will be continuing to develop their writing and will be encouraging them to:

- Form and use upper- and lower-case letters correctly and begin to join their handwriting
- Apply their phonics knowledge to spell unfamiliar words accurately in their writing
- Use a variety of punctuation such as: full stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks, commas, and speech marks.
- Accurately spell the Year 2 Common exception Words in their writing
- Develop and extend their ideas by using a range of description and conjunctions

Maths

This term we will focus on:

- Place value – understanding the value and composition of 2-digit numbers
- Addition and Subtraction – using tens and ones to represent calculations
- Money – recognising British currency and using this knowledge to solve problems.
- Multiplication – using arrays and grouping
- Division – using sharing and grouping

Computing

This term we will be learning about:

- E- Safety
- Using cameras and iPads to take and edit photographs

Religious Education

This term we will be focusing on:

- Lifestyles and celebrations – Hinduism and Christianity
- Harvest (Why we are thankful)
- Festivals of Light – Judaism, Hinduism and Christianity

Topic

We will be focusing on:

- Geographical Skills
- Famous People (Sportspeople and Ice Explorers)

Science

We will be learning about:

- Living things and their habitats
- Animals including humans

Art

In Art the children will have the opportunity to use a range of media to express themselves. We will be learning about and taking inspiration from a variety of artists and their work.

PE

Outdoor P.E lessons for both classes will be on Monday afternoons. 2R will then have their indoor P.E lesson on Thursday and 2M will have theirs on Friday. A reminder that the children should come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Homework

In Year 2 homework will include:

- Daily reading
- Spelling practice
- Handwriting practice
- Mega Maths Mix up
- Athletics challenges

Homework books will be due in on Mondays. The children will also be tested on their spellings on Mondays.

End of day arrangements

If there are any changes to the person who is collecting your child, please ensure that you let us know. This can be done by emailing the school office or letting us know at drop off time.

Behaviour Management

In Year 2 we will be using the red and yellow card system immediately. Children will also be awarded Dojo points for making good choices, trying their best, or treating others with kindness and respect.

Seesaw

You should have now received a QR code to sign up to Seesaw. We will use Seesaw to share information, reminders, and photos of the children's learning. Can we please remind you that we will only be checking Seesaw, and answering any messages, Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm. If you have any queries outside of this time, please email or call the school office.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead and seeing as many of you as possible at our virtual meeting.

Kind regards,

Year 2 Team