



Welcome to Year 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a fun summer holiday. We've been really excited to have the children back at school and are really pleased with how well they have settled in already. I am really looking forward to working with you all again and supporting children in their learning in Year 2.

In order to enable you to support your child's learning at home, we have outlined below some of the topics that we will be learning this term:

English	In English children will be looking at books written by Julia Donaldson. Children will explore stories such as Snail on the Whale, Room on the Broom, The Gruffalo and Monkey Puzzle. Children will role play, explore language features, plan and write their own versions of the stories. Teachers will encourage children to use the correct punctuation, accurate spelling and importance of embedding adjectives in their writing.
Maths	Children will consolidate their understanding of place value of two and three digit numbers and use number lines and hundred squares to add and subtract two digit numbers. We will also be reinforcing halves and quarters, use of tally charts and recognising the names and properties of common 2D shapes.
Science	This term children will be learning about animals and their habitats. They will explore a range of animals such as; pets, farm animals and safari animals and suggest how their habitats are suited to them. Children will also learn about basic food chains and learn to use scientific vocabulary such as; herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.
Topic/ Foundation subjects.	In Geography, children will be investigating maps and locating oceans, continents and countries. They will explore significant events in The Great Fire of London (History), Fine art techniques, collages and printmaking (Art), What makes a home and rules that are important to us (RE), New beginnings/Saying no to bullying (PSHE), The Strings Project (Music), Blocking and Decoding (ICT) and Transferable skills and Dance (P.E.).

You may also find the following information useful:

School lunch

Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. If you would like your child to have a hot school meal, the menu is available on our website. Please take a look at the menu with your child so they will be familiar with the choices. If your child has any dietary requirements or allergies please inform your class teacher or school office. If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch please ensure you label their lunch bag and do not include any nuts or fizzy drinks.

School library

Each class will have the opportunity to visit the KS1 library during the week. This will give them the opportunity to explore books and select one of their choice. The class teacher will indicate your

child's library day on their reading diary so that books can be returned to the school and new ones can be issued. Children should bring home a library book and a guided reading book each week.

PE

Children will have an indoor and outdoor session of PE during the week. P.E times are flexible and therefore we would appreciate it, if you would ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and remains in school for the half term. The P.E kit list is available on the school website.

Home learning

We would really appreciate it if you could assist your child and support them in their Home Learning activities:

Homework/Subject	Guidance
Spellings	These will be given out every Friday and tested the following Thursday.
Maths	This will be given out every Tuesday. Tasks will vary between MyMaths online activities and written tasks which should be returned within one week to be marked.
Home Learning Matrix	Set every other Friday and must be completed and returned by the following Friday to be marked. The Learning Matrix includes a range of written, mathematical, creative and practical tasks. Children should select and complete one task from the Learning Matrix each time.
Reading	Children are expected to read their guided reading book once a week. We would appreciate it if you could sign the reading diary after you read with your child at home and ensure this is returned along with the guided reading book on your child's reading day (this will be indicated in the reading diary by your child's teacher). This will allow your child to be issued a new book the following week.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

I look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes,

Mrs P Master

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