

Year 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! We are really enjoying getting to know your children and hope that they have enjoyed their first week in Year 2. We have been very impressed with how well they have returned to school and settled so quickly. We understand that moving to a new year group can be a big step, but we are all here to support your children (and you!).

This newsletter is intended to provide you with information about Year 2 and this first half term. However, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please let your child's class teacher know.

The Year 2 Team

Our Curriculum

Our main topic for this half term is 'It's good to be me!'.

English: Learning Journeys

Maths: Statistics, Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

Science: Animal Life Cycles

History: Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale

RE: Special Food and Harvest

Art: Collage

PE: Dance and Team Building

PSHE: Me and My Relationships

ICT: Safety and Exploring

Music: Jupiter- Music inspired by planets.

The children will also have phonics and handwriting lessons.

Year 2 Parent Meeting

The Year 2 parent meeting will be on Thursday 18th September at 6.30pm in the school hall. We will also send the information out after the event.

Start and End of the Day

Your child should arrive at school between 8:45 - 9:00am.

Please also inform staff of any changes to your usual pick up arrangements (e.g. if someone different will be collecting your child that day). Thank you.

PE

Year 2 PE will be on different days for each class. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing PE kit.

PE kit will need to be a white or red t-shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a black or navy hoodie. PE lessons will be inside and outside. Children will also need to wear trainers. If they have laces they must be able tie them independently. Earrings must be taken out or covered for all PE lessons and long hair tied back.

Monday and Friday- Owls

Monday and Tuesday- Badgers

Monday and Wednesday- Hedgehogs

Reading

Reading will continue to follow our school's phonics scheme. Your child will have brought home their book on 5th September with a new Year 2 reading record. Please read as much as possible this half term as it will make a real difference to the progress your child will make.

When you listen to your child read, please record it in the reading diary and write what page they read up to. They may stay on the same box until we have recapped the children's previous learning in phonics. Once your child has passed the orange book box they will continue the reading scheme linked to their comprehension and fluency rather than their phonics level.

At the end of every half term we will count how many times each child read at home. Anyone who reads on average at least 3 times per week will receive 5 dojo points and will have their name in the next year group newsletter. The child who read the most in each class will receive a prize.

Golden Time

On Friday afternoons, Year 2 children have 'Golden Time'. If your child has done something extra amazing that week, they might be put onto the golden leaf (Owl Class), paw (Badger Class), leaf (Hedgehog Class), and can bring a toy into school that Friday if they want to.

Your child will be responsible for looking after their toy during Golden Time, so we recommend that they don't bring in anything that is expensive, sentimental or electronic just in case it gets damaged whilst they are playing with it.

Maths Homework

Year 2 will begin to bring maths homework home linked to their taught maths lessons after half term. This is so the children can focus on reading at home in Autumn 1. There will be a letter to follow explaining maths homework at the start of Autumn 2.

