

Welcome to Year 2

Miss Kenny

Mrs Jeffer, Mrs Orsman and Mrs Hamilton are the teaching assistants in Year 2

Mrs Beer will be the Year 2 teacher on Wednesday afternoon.



Lunches, Snacks and Water

Healthy lunch boxes please!
(No nuts due to allergies)

Fruit can be brought in as a snack for break times.

Alternatively, toast/fruit can be paid for termly.

Please bring a water bottle to school.



Year 2 Curriculum

Welcome to Year 2!

The final year of KS1 will see your child being encouraged to work more independently.

Year 2 is an exciting and busy year!

In English, the children will continue to build on their phonics and reading skills, aiming to build their confidence and fluency. They will learn further spelling patterns and rules, and begin to apply those in their writing.

There will be a more detailed focus on handwriting, with children encouraged to form their letters correctly, learn which letters are to be joined and make letters a consistent size.

Mathematics in Year 2 focuses on the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, and they will learn multiplication and division facts for these tables. Children in Year 2 will also learn to add and subtract with two-digit and one-digit numbers.



How you can help your child

Explore real-life maths

Any opportunity to use maths in a real-life context is really useful. For example, ask them to help you pay for things or calculate change when shopping. This will help to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills. Learning to tell the time, especially o clock, half past and quarter to/past, is another great way to support your child's learning at home.

Perhaps most importantly for maths, you can help your child at home by practising their times tables (2, 5 and 10) regularly. There are many different ways you can do this, but it is beneficial if your child can use and apply this knowledge – for example, not just knowing that 10×2 is 20, but also understanding that 20 divided by 2 is 10.

You could use journey time to school to give your child fun times table challenges. You can also make up word problems relating times-tables facts to real life.

e.g Tom has two boxes of crayons. There are five crayons in each box. How many crayons are there altogether?

Draw out the problem to make it easier for your child to understand.



How you can help your child

Encourage independence

You can develop their independence at home by encouraging your child to get dressed on their own or organise their belongings more independently. This will help enormously as they move up through the school!

Help them understand what they read

Reading comprehension is an important aspect of reading and checking your child's understanding of the book they are reading is an excellent way to support them. You can help them engage with their reading on a deeper level by asking questions about the plot such as:

What might happen next?

Why do you think the boy is feeling sad?

What does this word mean?

What word means the same as

You can also do this when you are reading to your child, which is still so important at this age. Children learn a lot from the way we read aloud and we can encourage them to see how the author's use of punctuation changes the way we read the text.

Think about pointing out statements, commands, questions, or exclamations when reading with your child.

Reading

Your child will build on their reading skills during 1:1 reading, peer reading, shared reading and guided reading sessions in class.

These are skills which will then be practiced in school and should also be practiced at home. Please ensure your child is reading at home for at least 10 minutes each day. Encourage independent reading and reading for pleasure!

If possible, hear your child read daily or as often as you can.

You could ask your child questions about the characters/plot and encourage them to discuss the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Reading books will be changed on Fridays. Children will re read their book throughout the week in order to build confidence and fluency. Their book will focus only on sounds that your child has learned in school.

Homework

Homework will be given in the form of spellings, daily reading and times tables.

There will be alternate spellings and timetables tests each week focusing on the work sent home for children to learn.

Please learn the spellings and timetables sent home each week.



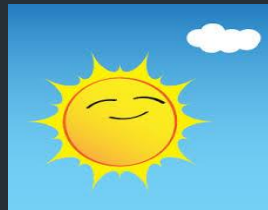
Rewards and Sanctions

We have a reward and consequence system in place in our classroom.

Children may be placed on the superstar if they try hard in their work or if they do something kind or positive.

Children will be placed on the rainbow if they break our school rules.

If a child continues to break the school rules, they will be placed on the cloud and must talk with Mr Roscoe. If a child consistently breaks our school rules, they may not be allowed to attend after school clubs or represent the school in sports activities.



Rewards and Sanctions

Children will have the opportunity to earn marbles for our marble jar. This is a whole class reward. Once the marble jar is full, the children will be allowed a treat!

We also have a whole school house point reward system.

Your child may be given house points if they have been a superstar!

The house points are then counted and the class with the most house points will be announced during assembly.

The winning class will receive a reward.



P.E

Children require:

- A white t-shirt
- Blue shorts
- Black pumps

During winter, children are encouraged to wear jogging bottoms and a P.E jumper. Please try to keep to school colours .

Please can you label P.E kits, including pumps!

P.E will take place on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Children will change into their P.E kit in school.

General Reminders

Uniform - black shoes

Hair should be tied back.

Earrings must be taken out for P.E

Names in clothes

Please let us know if there will be somebody different picking up your child.
Please telephone the school office before 10am to let us know that your child is unwell and will not be attending school.

Attendance is very important! Being on time for school is also very important.

Please ensure that the school office has the correct details to contact you.



Websites

Below are some websites/apps that may support your child in their learning. Children have already received their log in details for some of the websites. If you have lost login details, please let me know.

Purple Mash

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/>

Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

Maths Whizz

<https://www.whizz.com/login/>

Read with Phonics

<https://www.readwithphonics.com/>

Wordwall

<https://www.wordwall.net/en-gb/community/phonics/games>

Edshed

<https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/>

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact me via the school telephone number or catch me on the playground in the morning.

I am so pleased to be your child's teacher this year.

We are going to have a great year!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kenny

