

Welcome to Year 2!



Welcome to an exciting new school year! We are thrilled to begin a journey filled with curiosity, creativity and discovery. This year, your children will dive into a rich and engaging curriculum designed to spark imagination and deepen understanding. Whether they're designing like engineers, investigating like scientists, writing like authors or exploring like adventurers - every child will be encouraged to let their light shine brightly.

Start of the Day

Our classroom doors open at 8:30am and close promptly at 8:40am. We kindly ask families to wait outside the Year 2 classrooms ready to begin the day with calm and purpose.

We encourage children to come into the Year 2 area independently, putting away their bags, coats and lunchboxes before settling into their classrooms. Each morning begins with a gentle, settling task while each teacher warmly greets each child - helping them feel valued, seen, cared for and ready to shine.

Seesaw

Your child's Seesaw account will stay the same and we will provide you with a new code. We will use Seesaw in the same way in Y2- for your child to upload work during Discovery time and for us to stay in contact with you.

Reading

We continue to use the same structured reading scheme as in Year 1, with books carefully matched to the phonic sounds your child is learning. This ensures they can read with growing confidence and success. We recommend reading with your child for around 5-10 minutes each day - little and often makes a big difference! Please remember to record their reading in their diary - it helps us to track progress and celebrate their achievements together.

Structure of the Day

Building on the strong foundations of Year 1, we continue in Year 2 with a carefully planned and purposeful continuous provision. Children have daily opportunities to explore, extend and deepen their learning through clearly defined areas such as construction, small world, investigation and the creative space. These environments are designed to promote independence, collaboration and curiosity.

Skilled adults support and enhance learning through modelling, open-ended questioning and meaningful interactions.

Alongside this, we incorporate daily whole-class teaching sessions where core skills are introduced. Children will work in small groups with the class teacher - where learning is scaffolded, supported and appropriately challenged. Adult-directed activities are woven throughout the day to focus learning and to ensure each child is progressing confidently across the curriculum.

PE Lessons

We have two PE lessons every week on a Tuesday and a Thursday. One is an indoor and the other is an outdoor lesson. Please check that your child's PE kit and trainers still fit them, and that each item is named. We will send their kit home every half term to be washed and this is a good time to check that there are no missing items.

Wet Weather

As we move into the winter months our continuous provision will continue to make full use of both indoor and outdoor areas whatever the weather. Outdoor learning remains a valuable part of our day helping us to extend and enhance children's experiences across the curriculum. To ensure your child can access please provide a clearly labelled wet weather coat.

Snack Time

Just like Year 1, fruit is provided for your child each day. We operate a rolling snack time, which means your child is free to choose when they would like to eat their fruit during the morning – allowing them to listen to their own needs and maintain focus in their learning. You are very welcome to provide an extra piece of fruit from home if you would like your child

Meet the Teacher

Please join us at 2:30pm on Friday 19th September for an informal chat and overview of the learning opportunities and routines in Year 2.

Homework

Each week your child will have 4-6 spellings to practice and learn, daily reading and a short math's activity. Homework is designed to reinforce key learning from the week. We kindly ask that the homework is returned by the following Friday ready for the new homework to be sent out.

And finally....

We are so looking forward to being part of your child's learning journey this year. It is a real privilege to watch them grow – all while having lots of fun along the way. Together, we'll enable each child to shine their light in all they think, say and do and recognise how their beliefs and values shape the choices they make. With care, encouragement, guidance we'll support them to become confident, compassionate individuals who are proud of who they are and all they can achieve.

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