

Welcome to Year 2

Welcome to Year 2 😊 We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to get started with your Year 2 journey. We have many exciting things planned during the year and are looking forward to working with you all.

The teachers in year 2 are:

Mice: Mrs Challinor (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Birkle (Thurs-Fri)

Hedgehogs: Miss Oxnard

We also have Mrs Evans, Mrs Guy, Mrs Bana, Mrs Greenfield and Miss Williamson working with us across the week.

Mr Munn will teach PE on Tuesday mornings this term.

Timings of the day

Our school day starts at 8.50. Please try to ensure that your children are in class and ready to start at this time. Daily Phonics starts promptly at 9.00am so it is key that children are on time to start their learning.

Our school day finishes at 3.25pm.

Home time

Please inform us of the different adults or siblings who may collect your child. If there are any changes to who is collecting them, please let us know or inform the office if the change is made during the school day.

Dojo

We will use Dojo to share what we have been doing in Year 2 and it can be used to message your child's teacher. However, please make sure that you send urgent messages via the office as we will not be checking the messages during our teaching time.

What we are learning this term:

Maths	Place value and Addition and subtraction
English	Little Red Riding Hood, Quest stories, Characterisation
Science	Materials and their properties
Art	Shading, shape and size
History	Why were castles built?
Music	Time to play - exploring pulse and rhythmic pattern
PE	Gymnastics
Computing	Images
PSHE	Me and my relationships

PE

P.E. for both classes is on Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Please send your child to school DRESSED IN THEIR PE KIT/ACTIVE UNIFORM on the above days.

Please note that jewellery is not permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. If your child cannot take their earrings out themselves, please make sure they have been removed before school or provide

plasters or tape to cover them. Children with long hair should wear their hair up during PE lessons so please ensure they have a bobble.

Food and drink in Year 2

Fruit will be provided for the children daily. This will be given at afternoon play. If you wish to pack a snack for your child to have at morning break, then this should be a 'healthy snack' which does not contain nuts.

Children need to have a water bottle in school every day. This should contain water only.

The children will need to tell their teacher during register if they want packed lunches, school dinners or jacket potato, so please make sure your child knows each morning what they are having.

Uniform/Labels

Please ensure **all of** your child's uniform and PE kit (especially cardigans, jumpers and hoodies) are clearly labelled with their name and class.

Phonics

All children will continue to take part in daily phonics sessions until they have completed the Little Wandle scheme. If your child did not pass the Year 1 phonic screening test, they will receive 'Catch up' groups and retake the test next June.

Reading

Please try to read with your child **at least 3 times per week** at home. Please make a note in your child's organiser, when they have read with you.

The children will continue to be given decodable books until they have completed the Little Wandle reading scheme. Each week, they will bring home a decodable book and a sharing book of their choice. Please ensure these come back each week.



Reading books and organisers need to be available in school every day. Your child will either, take part in small group reads each day or whole class reading sessions depending on their phonic ability. The whole class reads will not be recorded in their reading diaries. Organisers are also used in other lessons such as computing so it is important that they are always available.

Doodle Maths

This year we are introducing the children to Doodle maths. This is a wonderful website/app that we will expect the children to use several times a week to practice their maths skills and reach the 'Green zone'. This will form their weekly homework. There will be more information to follow. You will find a password and login details in the front of their organiser next week, however, please do not login until we send you more details as there is a baseline assessment that we need to complete at school first before you can access it at home.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of the Year 2 team. We will keep you updated via Class Dojo on any information that you need. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this year 😊

Kind regards
Year 2 team