



Autumn Term 2- Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you've had a lovely Autumn break 😊 We have many exciting things planned for this half term and are looking forward to working with you all.

The teachers in year 2 are:

Mice: Mrs Challinor & Mrs Birkle

Hedgehogs: Miss Oxnard

Mrs Micek-Bettison and Mrs Moore will be the TAs supporting Year 2 this year

Miss Dalling will teach PE on Wednesdays

What we are learning this term:

Maths	Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division
English	Creative writing, Instructions, Poetry
Science	Materials and their properties
DT	Freestanding structures- playgrounds
Geography	What makes Nottingham a city?
Music	Christmas production
PE	Dance and
RE	Celebrations
Computing	i-animate
PSHE	Valuing difference

Gulliver's Valley Residential Trip

We will soon be sending out the details of how to pay the deposit for our residential trip to Gulliver's later in the year. To fully secure your child's place the deposit must be paid by the specified date. Deposits need to be paid by November 29th.

Christmas Production

Year 2 will be performing a Christmas production on Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am and Wednesday 11th December at 2pm.

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

Please send your child to school **DRESSED IN THEIR PE kit** on the above days. i.e. plain white t-shirt, black shorts/black joggers, plimsolls/ trainers.

Please note that jewellery is **not** permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. If your child cannot take their earrings out, 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.

Uniform

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

Water Bottles

Please send your child with a water bottle each day.

Phonics & Spelling

The majority of children will now be moving onto the Little Wandle spelling programme this half term. Some will still have additional phonics as well. If your child did not pass the Year 1 phonic screening test, they will continue to receive booster groups and retake the test later this year.

Children will be bringing home a list of spellings to learn over the week. We will do a spelling test on Fridays. We have attached a handy list to this letter with ideas of how to practice the words at home. If your child is struggling with learning the spellings, please contact us for some more support.

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 at home with you. The total reads across the class will be collected on a running total across the year. When we reach 1000 reads, we will be taking the children on an exciting trip to the local library as a reward!



Children will bring home a new decodable reading book on Mondays and a book of their choice according to their colour band on Fridays. **Please ensure these come back each week.**

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

Doodle Maths

The children have made a great start with Doodle maths. Please continue to encourage your child to reach the 'Green zone'. This will form their weekly homework. You will find their password and login details in the front of their organiser.

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 half term 😊

Kind regards, Year 2 team