

Autumn 2- Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you've had a lovely half term 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 Swift & Mrs Birkle
Hedgehogs: Miss Oxnard
Mrs Evans, Mrs Wilkes, Miss Clayton and Mrs Wilford are the TAs supporting Year 2 this term.
Miss Dalling will teach **PE outdoors on Tuesdays** and Class teachers will teach **PE indoors on Thursday**.

What we are learning this term:

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

Trip to Nottingham Castle- Friday 13th November

We are looking forward to our trip next Friday. Thank you to all the parent helpers who have volunteered. We will leave and arrive back within the normal school day. Children need to come in their normal uniform but please be aware that we will be outside for a lot of the time so joggers/trousers or leggings would be best. Children will need a warm, waterproof coat and footwear suitable for walking around the castle grounds and playing on the adventure playground. Children will need a packed lunch and a drink, they can also bring a snack for when we arrive. Please do not send any products containing nuts. Packed lunches can be provided by school if you have requested one.

Christmas Production

Year 2 will be performing a Christmas production on **Wednesday 9th December at 2.30pm** in the afternoon and **Thursday 10h December 9.30am** in the morning.

Children in Need -Thursday 12th November

We will be doing our Children in Need activities with the rest of Key Stage 1 on Thursday 12th November. Children may come to school in non-uniform or wearing Children in Need accessories on the Thursday instead of Friday (due to the trip).



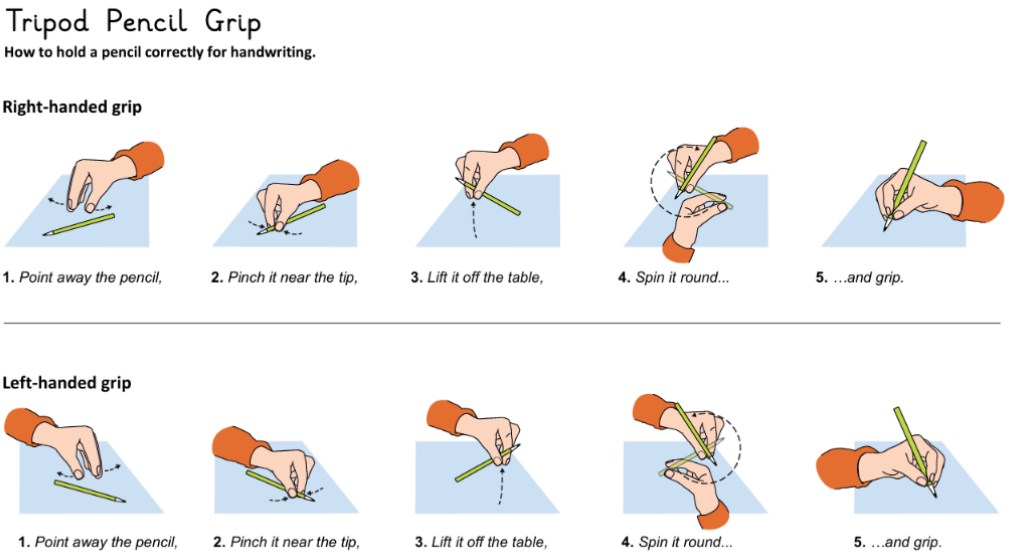
Pencil grip and handwriting

We have noticed that there are quite a few children who do not use a conventional pencil grip when writing. We are working on this during our handwriting sessions but if you could encourage it at home, it would really help the children embed this skill.

Here is our ready to write rhyme:

Ready to write

Let's sit up straight, feet nice and flat,
Tilt your paper – just like that!
Pinch your pencil, give it a flip,
Check your hold and then your grip.
Now we can begin to write,
But not too hard and not too light



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 ensure they are wearing trainers on these days.

Please note that jewellery is not permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. We have noticed quite a few children with earrings in on PE days. **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.

Reading



If you would like to volunteer to hear children read each week we would love to have you. Ideally this would be in the afternoon but speak to your child's teacher to arrange a possible time and day.

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

Children will bring home a new decodable reading book on Mondays and a book of their choice from the school library according to their colour band on Fridays. Please ensure these come back each week. If your child is struggling to read, a great strategy is for you to read a sentence or phrase first, then read it together, then they read it on their own.

Reading books and organisers need to be in school **every day**. 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 😊

Year 2 team