



Welcome to Year 2

We hope you had a lovely summer and wish you a very warm welcome to Year 2. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children and we have a busy and exciting year ahead!

English

Our first English topic this year is 'The Tin Forest'. During the topic the children will engage with this much loved story through listening, reading and writing opportunities. We will continue to work on letter formation, correct use of punctuation and making our writing more interesting by including adjectives. You can help support the children with this by continuing to practise correct letter formation at home.

Reading

There will be opportunities for your child to read daily throughout the week during whole class reading, Read Write Inc sessions and independent reading. Therefore, it is important that they bring their reading book into school everyday. Please use the reading record books to record any reading you do at home with your child as this will count towards the Red Ted awards. **This can be any books your child reads** at home, not just a school reading book. Thank you.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will begin by ensuring children have a good understanding of place value and securing skills from Year 1 and then building upon it. We will then build upon their place value knowledge and start to look at adding and subtracting multiples of ten and two, two digit numbers. Other areas covered will be multiplication (2, 5 and 10 times tables) and division. Lessons will involve lots of practical activities using a range of resources to support and embed the children's learning and reasoning skills. We try to make Maths as engaging and fun as possible but also incorporate the repetition of key facts. You can help your child with this by supporting them with number bonds to 20 and times tables (2, 5 and 10).

Science

Our Science topic for the first half of the term is Materials and their uses. We will investigate the properties of different materials and think about why they are used for certain objects.

History

Our history topic this term will be the Great Fire of London. This is an enjoyable topic and the children will learn all about this important event in history whilst learning a range of history skills and knowledge. They will look at key figures such as Thomas Farriner (the baker) and Samuel Pepys and learn about how historians use evidence to find out about the past.

P.E.

Children in Year 2 classes will have a PE session each week when they will need to **come to school wearing their PE kit**. This should include a plain white t-shirt or a school PE t-shirt, black or blue shorts and black PE pumps / trainers.. As the weather turns colder, we recommend a pair of black or blue jogging bottoms would be more suitable along with a school sweatshirt.

PE will take place on the following days:

2B Tuesday and Thursdays
2C Wednesday and Thursdays

Homework

We encourage children to do a little bit of reading each night. In Year 2, we follow the Read Write Inc scheme. The 'Book bag' books will be changed weekly. Children will also bring home a paper copy of their current phonics Read Write Inc book. **Please send these into school daily.**

The children will also be coming home with spellings. These will be the common exception words and words using the spelling patterns from the year 2 curriculum.

Healthy Schools

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School children are provided with a fruit/vegetable snack each day. The children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. It is therefore important that they bring a **named water bottle** into school each day.

Uniform

The children have come into school looking very smart in their uniform. Your continued support with this would be very much appreciated. As way of a reminder, please can you ensure your child wears black school shoes and that **all** uniform (including school coats) are named. Thank you.

Communication

Please remember to check your Class Dojo accounts for any messages and to see what we have been learning in the Class Story section.

We look forward to a successful and exciting term and would like to thank you for your support in advance. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 2 team.

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Salt (phase lead)
Mrs Bicknell (Foxes)
Mrs Potter (Foxes)
Miss Chaudhry (Otters)
Miss Ashworth (year group TA)

