



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!

Due to the current situation, there have been some changes in school but the children have already adapted well to the new routines and have settled into Year 2. To support their transition, the focus for the first few weeks is 'Wellbeing' with daily activities linked to the five areas – connect, be active, take notice, keep learning and give.

English

Our first English topic this year is Fantastic Mr Fox. During the topic the children will engage with this much loved Roald Dahl 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, verbs and adverbs. 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, guided reading 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. **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 any skills that were missed in Year 1. We will then build upon this 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 Living Things. We will investigate the characteristics of living things and by the end of the topic the children will be able to classify whether something is living, has never lived or was once living.

Topic

Our 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 taking part in a variety of creative activities to support their learning.

P.E.

Children in Year 2 classes will have **PE on Friday** each week when they will need to **come to school wearing their PE kit**. This should include a plain white t-shirt, black or blue shorts and black PE pumps. As the weather turns colder, we recommend a pair of black or blue jogging bottoms would be more suitable along with a school sweatshirt. The children will also have an Enrichment PE lesson on Mondays in 2B and Thursday in 2C. Children do not need to wear kit on these days but please ensure their footwear is suitable for moving around safely.

Homework

Spellings will be given out each Friday for the children to learn for the following Friday. This half term, we will focus on securing the Common Exception Words and practising the spelling patterns taught in Year 1. We encourage children to do a little bit of reading each night. In Year 2, we follow the Read Write Inc scheme. Books will be changed weekly. We will also be sending children home with a library book to share with an adult at home.

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 follow us on Twitter @KingshurstY2 to find out what we are up to and where we will share any upcoming events. Please also 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 N Baker (Phase Leader)
Mrs Bicknell (Year Group Lead)
Mrs Korimbocus
Mrs Ashworth

Miss Cartwright
Mrs Foster
Miss Z Hall

