



Year 2 Newsletter - September

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Remember to check our class webpage for information and updates!

Welcome to Year 2!

Welcome back to a new school year and an especially warm welcome to Year 2. We will be holding two short welcome meetings next Friday (15th September) at 8:15-8:45am and 2:15-2:45pm to introduce myself to you all and share important information regarding year group expectations, curriculum and homework. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the meetings.



Our topic for this half term is What a wonderful world!

Through this topic the children will learn about world geography including continents, oceans, physical and human features and differing climates, comparing life around the world. They will study maps, use globes and atlases and use a range of media to research and present the information they find.

Reading

As you will know we have provided every child with a school reading book and a reading record book. The children in Year 2 are expected to read at home for least 10 minutes every night and this should be recorded in their reading record with a comment from an adult. The children's reading book will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if they have finished their current book and this has been recorded in their reading record. Understanding what we are reading is the main focus in Year 2 so please do use the questions provided in the front and back of our reading scheme books to support your child with this.

Spelling

Your child will be given 10 spellings on a Monday and they will be tested on a Friday. Spellings should be practised at home. We will send home a list and they will also be listed on the class webpage each week.

End of Key Stage 1

Year 2 is a big year for the children as it is the final year of the Key Stage 1 curriculum. The children are now encouraged to become much more independent as they prepare to enter the juniors next year. The amount of work produced increases significantly and the expectations of behaviour and learning are high, to meet the age-related standards within the National Curriculum. These end of Key Stage 1 age-related standards are assessed in the Summer Term through National tests and teacher assessments. Attendance during the month of May is very important and as a school we strongly discourage holidays to be taken during this time. Further details about the assessments will be shared at the welcome meeting and later in the year.

PE and Swimming Lessons

PE lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Children must have the correct PE kit in school, long hair must be tied back and jewellery must not be worn on these days. All clothing must be labelled with your child's name. Swimming lessons will take place in the Spring term.

Music

Each half term we will be listening to a different type of music in school. If you have any unwanted CDs at home that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

Entering school in the morning

When the children line up to enter school in the morning please could parents wait in the area at the back of the lines and refrain standing on the grass verge or from walking through the lines of children walking into school. It is difficult for the children to stay in line when their path is cut up by groups of adults leaving the playground. Thank you in advance.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Page and Mrs Hartley