

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 2!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We understand that a new school year can be quite daunting for pupils but we would like to reassure you that we are here to support both the children and you. We wanted to inform you of the expectations we have as well as some of the activities happening this half term. Year 2 is a busy and important year. As your child is now in year 2, we will be encouraging them to become more independent in their learning, organising themselves and taking responsibility. Throughout the year we ask for your continued support.

Curriculum

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Place value Addition and subtraction
English	Narrative: Classic Text (Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown) Narrative: A fiction book by our class author - Dick King Smith We will be recapping capital letters, full stops and finger spaces this half term. We will also be looking at extending our sentences too.
Science	Animals including Human - Living things.
History	Black History Month Focus: Time for Change: Action not words Local History Study: Saltaire
Music	How does music help us make friends?
Computing	Commuting systems and networks - IT around us E-Safety Lessons
Art	Local Artist: David Hockney
PSHE	Me and my relationships
RE	Believing and Belonging: How is new life welcomed?
PE	Indoor: Gymnastics Outdoor: Athletics

Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates in place for Year 2, please ensure to keep a record of these.

Monday 3rd October - Friday 21st October	Black History Month
Tuesday 1st November	Local History trip to Saltaire (Provisional)
Tuesday 15th November	Open classroom
Friday 18th November	Children in Need day
Tuesday 22nd November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23rd November	Parent's Evening

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day. The children will line up in the playground when the bell goes at 08:45am, ready to start their morning task. The school day finishes at 3:15pm, exiting out from the Year 2 door in the Key Stage 1 playground.

Homework

Homework will typically be set on a Friday, to be returned completed by the following Friday. The homework provided is given to support and consolidate pupils' learning from that week or a previous week. It is used to check understanding of topics covered and helps us identify areas of learning that need further development. Homework will include:

- Half termly Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) in Mathematics
- A weekly spelling list
- Home reading at least three times a week.

Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These spellings will cover the Year 2 spelling curriculum. Children will be taught spellings rules in class and will practise their spellings daily at school through a variety of spelling games. It is important that pupils consolidate their learning at home to help further embed. We ask that you support your child with this. Please look on our class page for further ideas to help support your child.

Home Reading

In Year 2, children are typically given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we encourage them to start being independent in doing this. It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read at least three times a week at home - this should be recorded in their home reading record. Every time your child reads and records this in their reading diary, they will receive a sticker on their home reading chart. We understand that parents/carers/guardians live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial.

PE

Indoor PE:

This takes place on a Wednesday afternoon for 2G.

This takes place on a Monday morning for 2P.

It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are also permitted) and black pumps.

Outdoor PE: This takes place on a Friday afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers.

PE kits should be brought into in a named pump bag that can be left in their cloakroom. This can then be taken home at the end of the week/half term.

Water Bottles

To enable your child to have a drink of water we would encourage a named water bottle be brought into school. Try to ensure your child's bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned.

Snacks

As a 'Healthy School' we encourage the children to make healthy choices at playtimes and lunchtimes such as



fruit, cereal bars and so on. Due to children with allergies, please do not bring in nut-based snacks.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Pupils are also required to wear a white polo shirt with charcoal (dark grey) trousers / shorts/ skirt /dress. Children are required to wear a navy blue jumper or cardigan. A blue and white checked dress may be worn in the summer months.

If you do have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 team.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team

Miss Gardner and Miss Preston (Teaching Staff)

Mrs Brook, Mrs Sheerin and Miss Potter (Teaching Assistants)

