

Monday 3rd November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

Welcome to Autumn 2

We hope that your child has settled well into Year 2 and they have enjoyed our topics so far. We would like to inform you of the expectations we have as well as some of the activities taking place this half term. Autumn 2 is a very busy but exciting half term; we have lots of crafts, creating and performing to do before we break up for the Christmas holidays!

Curriculum

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Addition and subtraction Shape
English	The Night Train by Matilda Woods The Nutcracker Poetry - Patterns on a page
History	Black History
Geography	Is it raining, is it pouring?
Music	Playing in an Orchestra Nativity songs
Computing	Digital Photography
DT	Making Pouches
PSHE	Valuing Differences
PE	Indoor: Fitness Outdoor: Multi-sports

Dates for your diary

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

Date to be confirmed	Nativity dates to be confirmed
Parents Evening	Tuesday 18th November Wednesday 19th November
Year 2 Christmas Party	Tuesday 16th December

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

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 phonics and 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.

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. 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 Monday morning for 2H. This take place on a Wednesday morning for 2G.

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 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. As the winter months are approaching, please make sure your child comes dressed appropriate for the weather.

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. 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, Miss Hulston and Mrs Grattan (Teaching Staff)

Mrs Brook & Mrs Sheerin (Teaching Assistants)



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

