



Welcome to Year 2!

We hope that you have all had a fun-filled summer holiday. We are really pleased to be your child's class teachers and are excited to get to know them further. Also, we're looking forward to building a strong home/school relationship with you. Please do not hesitate to come and find us or ring the school office if you have any issues or concerns. We will always be more than happy to help to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Year 2 Staff

Mrs Berkley (Class Teacher: Full time until Mrs Settle returns from maternity leave then Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

I have been teaching at Burscough Village Primary School for about 16 years and have experience of teaching across KS1 and KS2. This will be my third year working with Mrs Settle in Year 2 and I am excited about teaching this year group again. As well as being a class teacher I also lead Science, RE and organise the Pupil Council. I am particularly interested in Science and I'm sure that your children will enjoy all of the investigations and experiments that we do in Y2. In my spare time I enjoy adventures with my family, going to the theatre and listening to music.

Mrs Settle (Class Teacher: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

I have been a teacher at Burscough Village for the past 14 years and I have lots of experience teaching Year 2. Mrs Berkley and I have created a wonderful classroom setting which merges continuous provision with a more formal Y2 teaching environment. I can't wait to see the children

enjoying it when I return from maternity leave. Last year, I took part in the Step into Quality programme which aims to raise standards. I was proud that both Y1 and Y2 achieved this award! Alongside my class teacher role, I also lead English and DT. To support my role as English subject lead, I have recently achieved an NPQ in English. Away from school, my three children always keep me busy!

Miss Blunt (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Blunt has had experience supporting children across KS1 and KS2. She will be covering PPA, supporting in class, working with small groups of children and providing one-to-one support.

Important Information for Year 2

PE Days

Year 2 pupils will have PE on Monday and Friday.

Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of term and can leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term.

If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school ASAP.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills.

Year 2 pupils will receive a homework folder which will contain maths activities for the half term. Each activity will be dated and will link closely to work that has been covered in their maths lessons.

Please return homework folders to school each Thursday so that they can be marked and sent home again on Friday. We will also send home the spelling lists for the half term which will be dated for each weekly test.

Reading – Pupils should try to read as frequently as possible. Each child will have 2 or 3 books to read each week and so we will only be **changing books on a Friday**. If your child finishes their books, please use the time to re-read with your child. This develops fluency in reading and this skill enables children to develop strong comprehension skills. They will have a levelled reading book and will also bring home Monster Phonics books that link to the Year 2 spelling rules. **It is vital that these books are returned to school each week so that other children can take them home.** The children will also have the opportunity to choose a library book which they can keep for longer than a week. Please record when they have read in their reading record books, so we can keep track of how much they are doing at home. We will also record any reading the children complete in school.

Important Dates

Year 2 SATs 2025

May 2025 (dates to be confirmed)

Year 2 Phonics Screening

June 2025

(For children who did not pass the Y1 Phonics Screening Check)

Having taught the children during the transition sessions in the summer term, we know that they are ready for the next step in their education. We are excited to get to know them further over the next year and for us to work as a team in supporting your children.

Best regards

Mrs Berkley and Mrs Settle