

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

We are delighted to be teaching your child this academic year and we have a lot of wonderful learning planned.

Mrs Cook will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



Mrs Benson will teach the class on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Brathwaite will be supporting the children in class this year and on Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Verden (HLTA) will be teaching the children whilst we have some planning time together.

Year 2 have the responsibility of being the oldest and most experienced children in the infants and as such are great role models for the younger children. They will have class responsibilities as well as leading and supporting the younger children at playtimes and lunchtime. I know the children will enjoy rising to this challenge.

We work hard throughout Year 2 especially in English and Maths, and working in partnership with parents as always is incredibly important. Writing is a huge focus in the classroom with reading, spelling and times tables being the focus of homework.

Reading: Most children finish learning phonics at some point in Year 2. Children are still encouraged to use their phonics to read and write but are also taught lots of new vocabulary that no longer follow the phonics code. Children are expected to read to an adult every day.



Spelling: Children will use the Purple Mash spelling programme in school. They can practise their spellings on the website at home. The children have their logins stuck into their reading record.

Maths: A huge emphasis is placed on mastering the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and number bonds to 20, and there are lots of games on Purple Mash to support this.





Other information...

PE days this term are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. **On these days the children will come to school in their PE kit instead of their uniform.** This allows us more actual lesson time for PE as the children don't need to spend time changing. All children need a plain white t shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps or a pair of trainers for PE. There are PE hoodies available from the uniform shop, alternatively children can wear their normal cardigan or jumper or a plain maroon hoodie/jumper.

Communication

To find out what the children will be learning in Y2 this year you need to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on either Wednesday 10th September (5.00pm – 5.30pm) or Thursday 11th September (3.30pm to 4.00pm) in the Year 2 classroom.

We will continue to update the school website with our class news on the Year 2 blog. Please remember to check Arbor, your emails and the school newsletter (emailed out to you every Friday) regularly to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Finally, we value good communication with parents so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child in school. Email is the best way to contact us – our email addresses are at the bottom of this letter. Alternatively, you can catch us before or after school in the playground.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time in Year 2 and if we can help you or your family in any way, please get in touch.

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