



Welcome to Year 2

Your child has made a wonderful start to the term. We are delighted with the way all the children are settling in. Here is some information about our routines and learning in Year 2 at Chisenhale.

Our learning

The Year 2 children will be taught English and Phonics in the mornings with their Year 2 teachers. In the afternoons, the children have Guided Reading and Maths and we focus on our topic learning.



Year 2 will be taking on the Phonics assessment at the end of the Autumn term. This is usually done at the end of Year 1, but with all that has happened the government has recommended that they do this now. Please practise phonics with your child and look at their phonics reading books for the sounds we are doing.



This half term, our unit is 'London'. We will base all our learning on our core book - this half term it will be 'Katie in London'. We will be developing our geography skills while exploring our local area, looking closely at famous London landmarks and researching important historical events including the Great Fire of London! Please get out and about safely and explore London with your children.

We have lots of online learning taking place; the children will be able to access books from home as well as extra learning on google classroom should we go into a local lockdown. The passwords for both of these websites are on a card, which will be sent home.

How you can help:

- Make sure your child brings in their **book bag** every day
- Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. It is best if children come to school in clothes suitable to do PE and most importantly trainers or plimsolls: this saves getting changed in these times.
- Write your child's name and class on **all** clothing, especially jumpers and coats.
- Long hair must be tied back, away from the face, for PE.
- There should be no jewellery worn in school. If the children are wearing earrings, even studs, these need to be taken out or taped up for PE.
- **Read, read and read!** - Please listen to your child read their phonics reading book for at least ten minutes every day, as well as reading other books to them to listen to and enjoy. After hearing them read, please sign and date their reading record.
- Practise **mental maths skills** such as counting in 10's, 2's and 5's and number bonds for 10 and 20.
- Your child will have a login to Google Classroom and Bug Club sent to them this week. Please ensure that your child has had a go at logging in and accessing Google Classroom and Bug Club at home from a laptop, tablet or mobile device.
- Talk to your child about their day and ask them lots of questions about their exciting learning!