Welcome to Year 2

2023-2024





Meet the Year 2 team

- Badgers Class – Mrs Jackson (Mrs Henderson teaches Badger class on a Tuesday)
- Owl Class –Mr Smart
- Mrs Rogerson, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Singh are the TAs that work across Year 2
- Mrs Clarke will continue to teach music every other week

Routines of the day

- We start learning at 8.50am so please ensure your child is in school on time every day. The doors now open 8.40. Thank you.

- English, Maths, Reading and Phonics are taught daily.

- Generally we teach inside PE on a **Tuesday** and outside PE on a **Friday** and every other week we continue to have team spirit on a **Wednesday**. We would appreciate PE kits being left in school all week as PE can be taught on different days.

- Foundation subjects linked to the topic are taught frequently throughout the week. We choose a subject area at a time to focus on and try to include many practical and exciting activities as well as the children applying their English and Maths skills during these session. We usually do 1 main topic per half term and within this many subjects will be taught.

Independent learners

- At Hollybrook Infant School we are committed to creating independent learners.

- Children will be prompted to hand in letters or money from their book bags each morning-book bags are not be checked by adults.

- Some children will have their books changed each week by the adult. If your child is on red or black books, they can change them as regularly as they wish and will be encouraged to do so independently.

Reading

- Children will be given a Reading Passport to track their reading at home.
- The aim of the Reading Passport is for children to read 5 times a week. As they read they will earn stamps to travel around the UK. This can be any book for any purpose. We would really appreciate if you could sign and date to show your child has read with you, to you or independently.
- As a motivator, children will earn a certificate for reaching certain milestones.
- Your child will receive individualised targets for reading during parent's evening.
- Your child does not have to read a whole book but can have a stamp for 5-10 minutes reading.

Topics

- Topic flyers will be sent home at the beginning of each main topic to inform you about what your child will be learning (these will also be uploaded to the school website).

- Our first topic is 'The Lady of the Lamp.'

- On Monday 18th September we have a History/Drama workshop that you have already had a letter for. Please contribute if you are able to or this will have to be cancelled. £4 per pupil.

Topics to come this term…

The Big Freeze-A topic based on the Arctic



Mini-topics-**Remembrance** and **Harvest**



Home learning

- Home learning is the opportunity for your child to explore their own interests within a topic.

- We appreciate your commitment to support your child's learning with these projects.

- Home learning will continue to be shared in the classroom as part of our topic time and makes the children feel proud and a valued member of the class.

- We will be sending maths home learning every two weeks for your child to practise and consolidate their learning at school.

Phonics/Spelling

- Phonics (including spelling) is taught on a daily basis.
- We introduce the children to spelling patterns to aide them in spelling words correctly.
- Teaching them, amongst other things, appropriate use of 'ed','ly', 'ing', plurals and compound words.
- If we feel your child has any learning to catch up on, we will send individual work home with them.

Year 2 Spelling Content

- Segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes e.g. r-ai-n
- Learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, including common homophones e.g. ay -> eigh
- Learning to spell common exception words e.g. door, because, fine
- Learning to spell more words with contracted forms e.g. did not -> didn't
- Learning the possessive apostrophe e.g. the girl's book
- Distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones e.g. their/there/they're, quite/quiet
- Adding suffixes to spell longer words e.g. enjoyment, beautiful, happiness, carefully, useless

MOLT

- MOLT stands for Managing our Learning Time.

- This is an opportunity for children to practise and master the skills that they are learning in class.

- The children choose an area of learning they would like to improve on that has been previously taught. They will find activities in areas around the classroom.

- The child's learning may be kept for record at school or sent home to share with parents.

House Points

- All children are a part of a house team and will be the same as they were last year…

Fire (red), Earth (green), Water (blue) or Air (yellow).

- Children will be awarded house points within school when they demonstrate good team work, resilience, independence, risk taking, reflection, motivation and creativity (our learning behaviours). Each house point is collected for their team.

VIPs

Each week, one child will be selected from each class to be the VIP. They will wear the VIP jumper or badge for the week, leaving their own jumper/polo top in class ready to change back into on the Friday before going home. The VIP will be given important jobs to do in their classroom. VIPs will have a special tea.

WOW

As usual we will select our 'Worker of the Week' and you will be invited in to celebrate their learning.

Communication

- Parents evenings take place in the Autumn and Spring terms. You will be able to discuss your child's progress and targets.

- If you have any concerns about your child please talk to their class teacher at the end of the day or we can arrange a phone call to discuss your child's needs.

- The office is able to get messages to the class teacher if you are unable to speak to your child's teacher directly.

Uniform

- Children need to come to school in their school uniform. Red jumper/cardigan, black or grey trousers/skirts/shorts, white polo tops, grey/black pinafores, black shoes, red summer dresses.

- Please ensure that your child does not wear nail varnish to school.
- Please make sure that long hair is tied up.
- Please remember that jewellery is not permitted to be worn at school.
- Please make sure that only stud earrings are worn.

- P.E kits need to be in school all week as we often do extra sessions. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit has a pair of trainers and a warm top for outdoor P.E in winter.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a book bag in school as they have many items to carry.
- All children should have a water bottle in school every day.
- Our school trip is in the Summer term to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and information will be sent out nearer the time.

From all of the team, we hope your child enjoys their time in Year 2.

Thank you for your continued support.



