



# Year 2

## Welcome to Year 2!

Well done to everyone so far, as our children have settled in beautifully and our classrooms have been busy and cheerful.

### The Year 2 Team

Our Year 2 team this year is:

2H: Miss Palmer

2W: Mrs Leck

We also have two Teaching Assistants who will be supporting the year group: Mrs Kelly and Mrs Little and Mrs France, who will be working 1:1 with a child in our year group.

This term our focus is history. We begin by learning about The Great Fire of London and comparing life then and now. We will be studying the Moon Landings after half term. Through the study of the Moon Landings, Neil Armstrong and Katherine Johnson, children are introduced to the explicit idea of significance. Children identify a historical global event, explain why this is significant and the impact on lives, past, and present (significance). Children explore this by investigating some of the main events of the moon landing. They gain an appreciation of character strengths of such significant individuals as Neil Armstrong and Katherine Johnson by looking at the adversity and challenges they faced.

In art this half term, we will look at colour and the artist Mondrian. After half term, in DT, we will be designing and making our own lunar rovers. Your children will be taught how to measure, mark out and cut using junior hacksaws and craft knives.

In Science, we are learning about how we keep ourselves fit and healthy and life cycles of common animals. We learn about exercise, hygiene and nutrition. We will also think about how we grow and change looking at the life cycle of humans and animals.

Our focus in IT is internet safety.

In RE we are looking at 'What did Jesus teach us?'

Your child also has a weekly Music lesson, developing singing skills and playing glockenspiels.

PHSE- focussing on relationships and how to be a good friend and valuing difference. How each child is different has their own likes/ dislikes and that is ok.

In English, we will be continuing developing our reading skills in our Read Write Inc programme. We will again be in colour groups for this. Children who have moved off the RWInc programme will be taking part in guided reading sessions to learn about vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising texts. Please keep helping us by reading daily at home. Use the instructions in the covers to help you work your way through the texts. All children will then have a daily writing session, beginning with basic sentence structure and making sense.

Finally in Mathematics / Numeracy. We will start the half term by looking at the Place Value of numbers before moving on to Addition.

We begin by remembering numbers to 20 before quickly moving to counting up to 100. We will investigate how numbers are made by partitioning and then practice writing numbers to 100 in words. We will then explore these numbers by comparing and ordering numbers and amounts. Before finally counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and then 3's.

We will then move on to addition practising our number facts to 10 and 20. We will then look at number bonds (ways of making) numbers to 100. We will practise adding 10 to a number and adding 3 1-digit numbers together.



**PE DAYS:** PE for this half term is Monday afternoon and Thursday morning- they can come in kit on Thursday but must bring uniform to change into..

### Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 2's look, in line with the school's uniform policy. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and that ALL clothing, including coats, have your child's name in. We always try to go out for playtime but sometimes can't as too many children have come without a coat. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was sent on Parentmail very recently. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with micropore tape or a plaster- your child needs to bring this with them from home or come to school with it already applied.

### PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms/ leggings
- Trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be

### Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in Year 2. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can. Homework in Year 2 is set on Seesaw each Tuesday.

### Daily Reading – for all

#### KSI – Maths

Rockstars – 10 minutes daily is recommended. A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps. Logins are in the front of reading records.

#### Spelling and Grammar:

Words to Read and Spell: 6- 10 words from the Y1 common exception words to begin with as children are not secure with these. Then we will move on to the Y2 common exception words.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Gates are closed at 8.55am.

Both classes leave at the end of the day, from the same door they entered.

### Happy News!

#### We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates and Golden Work Certificates.

We will also share any exciting Year 2 news/ pictures on our school Facebook page.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Year 2 Team!

