

Welcome to Year 2

Hello to parents, carers and pupils!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and a well-earned break. A new year is ahead of us and so to make sure you all feel prepared and informed for the year ahead we have created this Guide to our class that will hopefully answer as many of your questions as possible:

The parent, carer and pupil guide

to...

Orion class



Orion Class

Our class is the middle of school. We have a spacious room with pegs outside for all your outdoor things. You will also get a tray each to keep any of your work or smaller belongings.

We have displays for each subject which have vocabulary you can use and little pointers to help you with your work.

We have a noticeboard which tells you what is happening during the term and a visual timetable that tells you what is happening each day.



Curriculum

We have three overlying themes over the year which break down into our individual subjects. Our themes are

Autumn- London

Spring- All around the world

Summer- Beside the seaside

For more details on what is being taught in each subject, please see our class page on our website.

Homework

We realise school life can be hectic and the children often need to chill out when they are home. While we don't expect formal homework to be completed, we do provide opportunities to learn at home.

. Reading- **Reading regularly at home is the most important thing we ask.**

. Reading with your child or listening to them read for 5 minutes each day has massive benefits and gives you quality time that you and your child can enjoy.

Question your child about what they are reading. Comprehension is just as important as being fluent.

We practise spellings every day in class and will put the spelling lists onto Dojo- These can be practiced at home. We use a website called Spelling Shed to practise our spellings. Each child has their own log in and this can be accessed at home.

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>



Keeping active

In Year 2, we love being active and getting out of the classroom. We encourage our children to explore, challenge themselves and build resilience. Having a positive and fun mind-set and having the right clothing really does help!

PE- We have PE twice in a week on Wednesday and Friday. On those days, the children can come into school in their PE kits.

Our PE kit

White T-Shirt

Black shorts, leggings or trackie bottoms

Trainers

School jumper

Children with earrings need to be able to take these out themselves wherever possible. We cannot do this for them and wearing plasters is now not encouraged. Please teach your children to remove and put their earrings back independently.

Opal



As you will already be aware, our children spend a lot of time outside in all weathers. It helps if the children have suitable clothing in school for their outdoor adventures!

Outdoor clothing

Wellies or suitable boots

A coat

Waterproof pants - not essential but if you already have them, they can help keep uniforms clean!

Hat and gloves (for winter) Cap or sun hat (for summer)

Bullying

We do not accept any form of bullying in our school. Bullying is persistent and intentional behaviour that is repeated over time. If you think your child is being bullied, please contact us so we can deal with it immediately according to our anti-bullying policy.

How parents/ carers can help

- . Good communication between us and you can help solve situations quicker.
- . Encouraging your child to speak to an adult if they have an issue
- . Do message us for updates on how your child is getting on in school.
- . Be mindful of children who are using social media or using group chats online (many online issues are brought into school)
- . Be mindful of who your children are playing with outside (many issues outside of school become a problem inside of school also)



Contacting us

The easiest way to contact us and getting a quick response is by sending us a message on dojo or speaking to us at the door at the end of the day. We can give you a ring also if we need to speak in more detail.

I am contactable on Dojo From Monday -Thursday from 8am until 5.30pm. You are more than welcome to message at any time but please be aware that if it is late evening, a day I'm not in, or the weekend, I may not receive the message or reply until the times given. This is so I can sort out my own children and try and catch up on the cleaning 😊.

Mrs Walsh and Mr Mitchell may post things in the evening or at weekends if it is crucial information parents need to know.

Other key information

- . Children can bring a bottle of water in class to drink during the day
- . Pencil cases or stationary are not needed
- . Please make sure names are in uniform; especially jumpers as these still go missing often.
- . We ask that children don't bring in things from home like toys etc. Things get lost easily. This doesn't include items that support a child that have been discussed between parent and teacher.
- . We can only administer prescribed medication according to the prescribed dosage for any child needing it. A form needs to be filled out at the office and signed to give permission and passed onto us.

If you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to message me or speak to any of the Year 2 team. We are looking forward to working with you all this year!

Mrs Warner and the Year 2 team