

Welcome to Year 2!



Dear Parents, carers and children,

We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to Year 2. It is an exciting year full of engaging topics and a wealth of learning opportunities. We are immensely excited about sharing this special year with you and your families.

During our time together we will support you, the children, in reaching your goals & help to challenge you along the way. Our most important message to you is 'always try your best' by showing resilience and perseverance. Remember—you can do it!

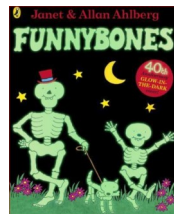
Miss Banks & Mrs Preston

Year 2 Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '*Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.*' This is a Science based topic when the children will explore the effects of exercise and healthy food on their bodies.

After half term we will study the locality of Ormskirk '*Our World.*' The children will investigate the geography and history of the school and the local environment.



Spring Term

During the Spring Term the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things about '*Explorers.*' In English, they read a range of stories by the author Simon Bartram. After looking at fictional explorers, they will be learning about the pilot, Amy Johnson.

Spring 2 is time to join the '*Animal Kingdom.*' We will be learning about the lifecycles of animals, and using our knowledge to create information texts.

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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '*We are Scientists*'. The focus for reading and writing will be riddles, classic poems and story writing. Through the wider curriculum, the children will explore a range of different fruit inspired art work. They will also study plants—how they grow and mature.

The topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '*We are Creative*'. We will be comparing seaside holidays from the past and present. We will also be developing the children's skills of working with textiles to create some fabulous seaside collages.

Year 2 PE

Classes 5 & 6 will have PE sessions on *Thursday* mornings, supported by the West Lancs School Sports Partnership team. We would like the children to come *in to school* in their full school PE kit on Thursdays, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit.



Homework

The children are given their reading, spelling and Homework on Friday:

- Reading (2 books per week)
- Weekly English & Maths tasks (on Class Charts)
- Spellings (linked to Phonics)

Homework is handed in on Wednesday.

Reading books are collected on Thursday.

Spelling quiz is on Friday, please return books on Monday.

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Equipment for Year 2

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled please!

School book bags should be used, due to limited space in the cloakrooms.

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are welcomed.

Please send in water bottles every day.



Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September. There will be daily posts on our Twitter feed (@Class5CB and @Class6JP), as we love you to show you the wonderful things that the children are doing.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers, emails for important reminders and Reading diaries will continue to be sent home weekly.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

With many thanks,

The Year 2 Staff

Miss Banks, Mrs Preston & Mrs Walsh

