

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We are looking forward to getting to know your child and supporting them as they grow in confidence, curiosity and independence. This year is full of exciting learning opportunities, and we are eager to see each child's unique light shine.

We know this message includes quite a bit of information, but we hope you find it useful. We have included everything we believe will help you understand what to expect this year and how we can work together to make it a successful and enriching experience for your child.

In Year 2 there is a more formal curriculum where our intention is to prepare the children for KS2. We are sensitive to the fact that your children are used to a continuous provision in Year 1 and we will be helping them to transition to a more formal Year 2 environment. This will involve plenty of opportunities to have COOL (Choosing Our Own Learning) time and, occasionally, across both classrooms, so we can further support them in adjusting to their new classes with their new peers.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or speak to us at the end of the school day.

Who will be teaching my child:

Throughout the week, your child may also be taught by other members of our dedicated staff team for specific subjects. Mr Rose will be teaching PE on a Tuesday, Mrs Rose will be teaching Music also on a Tuesday. Mr Hudson will be teaching **Cherry Class** every Thursday. Together, we aim to provide a rich and varied learning experience, guided by our school values of being caring, courageous, Christ-like, and part of a celebratory community.

What your child will be learning about in Year 2: An overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
English	Goldilocks A Book of Bears Spider and Fly Ongoing: phonics, spelling, punctuation and grammar and handwriting	Cakes in Space Dragon Machine Instruction writing Ride by Nights Ongoing: phonics, spelling, punctuation and grammar and handwriting	The Journey Home The Magic and Mystery of Trees There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom Ongoing: phonics, spelling, punctuation and grammar and handwriting
Maths	Number and place value Addition and subtraction Measurement Multiplication and division	Multiplication and division Statistics Measurement Properties of shape Fractions	Position and direction Addition and subtraction Measurement
Religious Education	St Cuthbert Bible Light and Christianity	Belonging in Christianity How do Muslims live? (1)	How do Muslims live? (2) Sacred places
Science	Use of everyday materials	Animals including humans	Living things and their habitats

		Plants	
Art and Design	Patchwork prints 3D modroc - print and sculpt	Pitmen painters Draw and paint	Seascapes – collage and textiles
Computing	Digital Photography Physical Computing using Beebots	Pages - creating a document Garage Band - Creating Music	<u>Programming B - programming quizzes</u>
Design & Technology	Structures: Baby bear's chair Mechanisms: Moving monster	Cooking and nutrition: Balanced diet	Mechanisms: Fairground wheel Textiles: Pouches
Geography	Why is our world wonderful?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	What is it like to live by the coast?
History	How was school different in the past?	How did we learn to fly?	What is a monarch?
Music	Tony Chestnut The carnival of the animals	Grandma Rap Orawa	Swing along with Shostakovich Charlie Chaplin Tańczymy labada
Physical Education	Families of actions Gymnastics assessing level 1	The cat dance Mini tennis 1 Piggy in the middle 3 touch ball	Furthest 5 Take aim Pass the baton Kick rounders
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing	Relationships	Living in the wider world

What your child will need and homework

Your child will have daily reading practice, weekly spellings and a piece of Numeracy homework (sent home on a Friday) each week. Completed homework should be sent into school as soon as possible before Wednesday. This will enable us to mark it and put new homework in folders.

We understand that your children have other activities outside of school and may have difficulty completing tasks on a set night. If this is the case, please complete the homework when time is available.

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record book in school EVERY day.

When you listen to your children read, please can you record it in their reading record book so we can help monitor their progress.

On occasion your children might be given a book that they have already read in Year 1. If this happens, please re-read the book and then feel free to choose a book from home.

Days reading books will be changed:

Cherry Class – Wednesday

Chestnut Class - Friday

PE and Forest Schools

P.E. takes place every Tuesday and is led by Mr Rose. On this day, children should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit, ready for active learning.

Forest School will be on Monday 11th, 18th and 25th January 2027.

On the days your child has Forest School, they will be learning outdoors and engaging in hands-on activities, which may involve mud and messy play. Please ensure your child comes dressed in appropriate clothing, including waterproofs and sturdy footwear. We recommend older clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Key Dates

Below, you'll find key dates specific to Year 2 that we hope will be helpful as you plan ahead. All other whole-school dates and updates can be found on Weduc and reminders are shared in the weekly whole school update. Please do keep an eye on these platforms, as new dates will be added and while we aim to keep plans consistent, changes may occasionally be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

Christingle Service – Friday 11th December

Thank you for your continued support—we're excited to work together to make this a successful and joyful year.

Warm regards,

Mrs. White and Mrs. Curry
Year 2 Teachers