

Welcome to Year 2!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say hello, and welcome you to our Year 2 class. I am really looking forward to teaching your children in this next academic year, it is sure to be an exciting journey. In addition to me, your children will also be receiving support and guidance from Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Paddock throughout their Year 2 experience. Together we will do the best possible job we can to make sure that your children are always learning, laughing and growing together.

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The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 1. The children will have a more formal learning environment in Year 2 but they will continue to learn through exciting topics so that they remain motivated, enthusiastic and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to write any small notes in your child's reading diary that you need me to be aware of, or come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Reading in Year 2

Your child will continue with their home/school diary and book which should be brought into school **every day**. If necessary, their book will be changed on a Monday and Friday. It would be of enormous benefit to your child if you heard them read (just 10 minutes) every day, especially in an important year like Year 2. Could I please ask you to **record the title of the book and sign the diary** - any comments are most welcome. If the book has not been completed in full, please indicate the pages read. I have enclosed a separate letter about receiving prizes for reading and the high frequency words within the diary.

Google Classroom

Join our class on Google Classroom using the code **tmsd6uo**.

General Reminders and Information

The children will have **PE lessons** on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.

Library - The children will visit the library on a **Thursday** and have the opportunity to change their books.

Learning- The school website is updated regularly, which will inform you of the learning taking place in our class.

Homework - **Daily Reading**, **Spelling Test** weekly, **Learning Journal** and **Google Classroom** every three weeks, **Maths challenges** (this may include 'Hit the Button').

Spellings - If appropriate, given out on Friday and tested on the following Friday. The sheet can be kept at home to practise recording the spellings throughout the week. Following the test, the spelling book will be sent home for you to share in the children's learning. Please can I ask you to send it back into school after the weekend.

Toys - Please discourage your child from bringing into school any personal items.

Water bottles - Please can I ask you to send into school a **named, full** drinks water bottle for your child to access throughout the school day; they have the opportunity to re-fill their bottle.

Birthdays - If your child's birthday is on a school day, they may wear their own clothes. The children may choose to bring in one of their favourite birthday gifts to show to the class. No sweets/cake to share in class, please. However, if you want to share sweets with the children, then I normally ask you to do this outside the classroom, at the end of the day, when the other children's parents are present. This safeguards any children who may have allergies.

General information - Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and give things in after the register, including their learning journals. During the school week Mrs Paddock will be teaching Music and Computing. Blackpool Community Trust coaches will be teaching PE.

Regards, Miss Scarlett