



Year 2 Newsletter

Hello, I'm Mrs Hoskins!

I have been teaching for 16 years and have been part of the Tanworth team for the last 7. During my career, I have taught children across all age groups from Reception to Year 4. As well as teaching, I am the school's History, Science and Sustainability Lead. History is one of my favourite subjects and I love bringing the past to life for children in the classroom. I am also passionate about children's literature and am always on the lookout for books that will inspire a lifelong love of reading. Outside of school, my son Rex will be in Year 3, and I spend many weekends on the sidelines cheering him on at football matches. I also enjoy swimming and knitting in my spare time—although my knitting skills are mostly limited to simple projects like scarves!

Reminders

Snack- Children can bring a piece of fruit for their snack, although the school does provide free seasonal fruit and vegetables for each child. No yoghurts please. If bringing grapes, they must be cut lengthways.

Names – Please ensure that your children's belongings are clearly labelled with their names so that they can be returned to them when they get lost!

Coats/ Water bottles – Please remember to send your child with a water bottle and coat every day.

Shoelaces – If your child has shoes or trainers with laces, can you please practice with them at home so they feel confident and are able to tie them. Thank you!

Staff in Year 2

Teacher: Mrs Hoskins

TAs will include: Miss Chambers

Mrs Hemming

Mrs Coffey

We have an 'open door policy'. Please come and speak to us at the start of the day or when you pick your children up if you have any worries or concerns.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

1.9.26 – Teacher Training Day

2.9.26 – Teacher Training Day

3.9.26 – School open

20.10.26 – Parents Evening

22.10.26 – Parents Evening

23.10.26 – Teacher Training Day

What We're Learning...

We have lots of exciting themes and lessons planned for the year and are sure that your children will enjoy their time in Year 2. Our first topic, 'The Big Smoke' will be our basis of our learning for the first term. This topic focuses on comparing the village of Tanworth with the big city of London. In the second half term we will go back in time to look at the Great Fire of London.

Weekly Homework

Spellings

Spellings will be issued weekly on a Monday and the spellings test will then be taken the following Monday. Children will be given spellings that they will then learn the patterns and rules for the following week in school. In Year 2 much of the children's spellings work is about rules, rule breakers and patterns. If your child finds the spellings easy, check that they understand the pattern, can find other words with the same pattern and look for any rule breakers.

Reading

Children should be reading at home daily. Can you please make sure that reading diaries are kept up to date and that reading books and diaries are brought into school each day. Thank you!

A typical day in Year 2

Early morning work – Number bonds practice, mindfulness, handwriting, finisher work and much more!

First session – Spelling followed by Maths

Break

Second session – Straight after break, we will have Guided Reading session, followed by English

Lunch

Independent reading straight after lunch

Third and Fourth sessions – These will be thematic subjects such as: History, Science, Art, P.E, Geography, computing, R.E or P.S.H.E.

This timetable may change due to events that may be taking place in school or due to the nature of the lessons themselves.

Reading

In Year 2, we always see a real love of reading develop as the children move away from phonics-based books into longer stories and finally chapter books. Some children will be sent home with both a phonic based book and a second, colour-banded book, which will be more of a challenge, perhaps needing your support. Some children will also be sent home with flash cards and key words to learn.

Children who wish to change their book must place their reading diary and book in the book box at the start of the day to ensure they get a new one that day. 😊

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to me. I am here to help and want the best for every child in the class!

Mrs Hoskins