



## Welcome to Year 2

We would like to start by saying how well the children have settled back into a new school routine. We are sorry that we can't hold a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon this year but we hope that the following information will help to answer any of your questions regarding Year 2.

### Topics this term

For the first half term our topic is Roots, Shoots, Buckets and Boots with a focus on plants linked to our science curriculum. Next half term we have Science Week for the first week back after the half term break and then the topic is 'Happily Ever After' and linked to fairy tales. More information about all of the subjects will be available on our website soon.

### Reading

- Individual reading - the children will read twice a week and hopefully more regularly now we have our reading volunteers back in school.
- Please listen to your child read their school book as much as possible and don't forget your children can read any books at home, not just the school book.
- Talking about stories is just as valuable as reading aloud.
- Ask questions, predict endings, discuss characters
- Please read a variety of stories to your child as it helps to develop vocabulary, fluency and expression.
- We love to hear about all the different texts your child enjoys, favourite authors/topics. Please write any of this into the reading record books. Thank you.

### Phonics

- We recently completed phonics assessments and now we are able to help the children who need extra support.
- We will be ensuring all children learn all of the graphemes for the different phonemes which will support them in their reading and spellings.
- The children will be assessed through a 'Year 1 Phonics Screening Check' at the end of November/early December. (This is the test the children would have completed in June 2021)

### Spellings

- Your child will bring home a list of spellings to learn each week. This started on Friday 1st October and the children will be tested on the following Thursday/Friday.
- It is important that these spellings are re-visited so that the children are not just learning them for the test but are using them daily in their writing

### Writing

This term we are revisiting all of the writing learning objectives from Year 1 to ensure these are secure. For those who are ready, we are expecting them to access the Year 2 expectations.

At home please can you encourage your child to write in sentences using full stops and capital letters. This can be about any topic that interests them.

Please help your child to practise writing capital letters as this is something many of them are finding difficult.

In School we encourage the children to use their 'Explore and Learn' books to consolidate their learning of writing.

### Mathematics

Maths work is assessed continually from class work in order to build a picture of what each child can do. We use 'White Rose Maths' to support us with our planning and this term we are focussing on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and then Multiplication and Division. In School we encourage the children to use their 'Explore and Learn' books to consolidate their learning of maths.

### Expectations

- In Year 2 the children are encouraged to extend their own learning independently and we are preparing them for transition to the Juniors
- As the oldest in the school they are expected to set an example to the younger children

### Parent help

If you haven't helped at Forest School last year and therefore do not have a current DBS form completed, then please do contact the office to make an appointment. We have really missed all of the support in school that our volunteers provided and can't wait to have you all back!

### PE

Each week have two PE sessions inside as well as one outside PE lesson. Mrs Knight (our PE specialist who comes in on a Tuesday) will also be taking one of our PE sessions each week after half term.

### Home Learning

If your child needs to stay at home then we are very happy to email you some work to support your child's learning while they are absent from school.

### Homework

This will be sent home regularly in the form of spellings and phonics. In addition to this work will be set on Purple Mash from time to time as you will have seen this week.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any more question then please do not hesitate to email us.

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