

Welcome to Year 2

First of all... meet the Year 2 team

Year 2 Teachers







Miss Court



Mrs Bennett

Year 2 Teaching Assistants.



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