

Welcome to Year 2!

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to Year 2!

These are the Year 2 team:-

Badgers



Mr Browning

Kestrels



Mrs Finch/Mr Steward

Foxes



Mrs Kennedy-Scott

3 days/2 days



Mrs Greenwood



Mrs Booker



Mrs Hartnell-Parker

You may also see Mrs Fairclough in class, Mrs. Churcher will continue to provide speech and language support and Mrs Parker will be working to provide additional reading support across the year group.

Mrs Glanville, Mrs Papps and Mrs Harris will be covering teachers statutory release time for planning and assessment one afternoon per week.

As your child is now in Year 2 we will be encouraging them to come into the classroom in the mornings by themselves straight away. This is to encourage independence skills and in preparation for junior school.

We therefore encourage you to help your child to feel confident with their new classroom environment and routines by discussing these at home.

We still have an open door policy and you are still

welcome to come in if you need to talk to your child's teacher before or after school!

PE DAYS

Year 2 PE Days are a Monday and a Friday.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A FULL PE KIT IN SCHOOL.

This should include suitable outdoor clothing as we try to go outside all year!

ATTENDANCE

We politely remind you that the school is unable to authorise family holidays taken during term time. This is particularly important during Year 2 as pupils will be undertaking statutory tests as part of the National Curriculum. A missed week of school can mean a whole missed unit of learning for a child which can be difficult to catch up on and can slow down their progress!

Please do not ask teachers to provide your child with work if you choose to take unauthorised time off of school.



HOMEWORK

English or Maths homework is given out every Friday afternoon. This is then due in the following week. A topic homework project will be sent out for completion during every school holiday. We love to celebrate good homework by displaying it in school and this is an important part of your child practising their learning at home.

SPELLINGS

Spellings are given out in phonics groups every Tuesday. The children then have a week to practise their spellings before they are tested in their phonics session the following Tuesday and new spellings are given out.

Homework and spellings will begin to be sent home a few weeks into term once we have got to know the pupils.

'Smilies' ☺

Children's 'smilies' are carried on from Year 1. 'Smilies' earned last year will be added to this year's chart. In order to earn a 'smilie' children must either;

- ☺ Follow the golden rules
- ☺ Have a learning 'wow' moment
- ☺ Go above and beyond what is expected of them

READING, READING, READING!

In Year 2 children are responsible for changing their own reading books in the morning time before registration. Please continue to read with your child as much as possible at home (3x per week MINIMUM) and complete the reading diary.

This should be handed in on a Friday when it will be checked by the TA. We will keep a record of which children have read enough each week and this will be collected on a class chart. Pupils who have read enough for at least 5 of the 7 weeks during the half term will be rewarded with a 'Reading Disco' afternoon at the end of the half term! Please remember that it is not only school books that count; home books, magazines, letters, instructions etc all count, as do 1-2 chapters of a longer book per reading session.