

Dear Parents

This booklet is to give you some information about Year 2.

Supporting your child

Reading

This is the most important thing you can do at home to help with your child's learning. We ask that you hear your child read every day, if possible, and discuss the story and characters. Ask them to retell the story, make predictions, give details of their favourite part, etc. We encourage children to read a wide range of books, not just reading scheme books.

There is a reading record book for you and your child to write comments about the book. At the back of your child's reading record, there is a bookmark with reading skills for your child to focus on. They have to be able to show their class teacher they can apply all these skills before moving onto the next book band. Please ensure their reading book and reading record are in school every day.

Spellings

Spellings are sent home in a booklet for the half-term and this should be kept at home for your child to practise writing in. The dates in the spelling booklet highlight when the spellings will be reviewed at school. This will be every Friday. You can support your child to use the look, cover, say, write and check method.

Maths

Maths facts

Please help your child learn their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x and 10 x times tables. Practising adding numbers up to 10 and 20 is another useful skill, e.g. knowing 8 can be broken in various ways $8=1+7$, $8=2+6$, $8=3+5$ and $8=4+4$. Can they recall these facts mentally?

Homework

Regular homework will be sent out on Fridays and is due back on **Wednesday**. Every week you should expect one piece of maths work and one piece of writing and/or topic work to complete.

Parent helpers

We are always grateful for any offers of help (particularly with individual reading and schools trips) and the children enjoy having parents in school too. If you can spare any time, please let us know. We also would like to know if you have any expertise that relates to any of our topics, e.g. a doctor could come in to share their knowledge during our body topic. Parents/carers who wish to help need to have completed a safeguarding check with the School Office. Please talk to the Office if you would like to help but do not have the check.

PE

The children should have their PE kit in school all week, in case lessons have to be swapped. PE kit includes a plain white round neck T-shirt, black shorts, socks and plimsolls, as well as black jogging bottoms and suitable trainers for outdoor PE. Year 2 usually have PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please name all clothing and shoes. For safety reasons all children with pierced ears must remove their earrings before participating in sport and if they are unable to do this by themselves please ensure you help them at home.

Reminders

Water bottles

Children should bring in a named water bottle every day.

Toys

May we remind you that toys should not be brought into school. Only items that are related to the topic may be bought in, as long as they are not valuable.

We look forward to working together with you and to making this a successful and happy year.

Thank you from the Year 2 team.

Penguin Class 2.1: Mrs Holman with Miss Brown, Mrs Blyth, Miss Ward, Mrs Keate and Mrs Irons

Polar Bear Class 2.2: Mrs Qureshi with Mrs Cafferkey, Mrs Wyard, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Howe

Topics to be studied during Year 2:

Autumn 1	The High Street
Autumn 2	Fantastic Fairy Tales
Spring 1	Fire and Ice
Spring 2	The Body
Summer 1	Nature Detectives
Summer 2	Around the World

Reminder

The school day starts at 8.45 am and your child should be in the back playground by then, accompanied by an adult. If you arrive after 8.45 am, please go to the office to sign the late register with your child.

Provisional Dates for Enrichment activities

Tuesday 17th October – Walking to Cherry Hinton High Street

Thursday 19th October, 2.45 – Year 2 Bakery

The year 2 children will bake bread for you to taste in the afternoon!



Year 2 Information

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