

Welcome to Year 2 2016- 17

Teachers:

BRIGGS CLASS - Mrs Rapley and Mrs Atkinson with Mrs Boxall

ARMITAGE CLASS - Mrs Hardy with Mrs Rowland

DAHL CLASS - Miss Orchard with Mrs Gammer

What to expect in Year 2

Arriving in the morning

- Coming into school – gates open 8.35
- Registration 8.50 and morning task

At the end of the day

- Leaving the classroom
- Clubs

What to bring in

- Book bag
- Pencil case – pencil, ruler, gel pen, colouring pencils, Pritt stick. No rubbers.
- Reading book – every day please
- Water bottle – clear and named
- Healthy snack – the morning is long!
- PE kit – this can stay in school for the half term – socks for girls and microtape for pierced ears.

Year 2 English

Reading

- We assess the children regularly in reading and we will move them on when they are ready

Guided reading

- Children will read weekly in a guided group with an adult.
- How you can help at home - please read with your child daily – even the confident readers and ask lots of questions about what they've read.

Phonics, Spelling and Grammar

- Sessions take place 5 times a week
- We continue with the work started in Year 1 with children working in their own classes
- We will be working on spelling patterns in school and will sometimes set homework tasks based around these.
- How you can help at home – practise the common exception words for Year 2 (and Year 1).

Writing

- Writing with a purpose and an audience
- Building independence and stamina
- Handwriting and letter formation by encouraging the correct pencil grip.

- How you can help at home - encourage your child to write at home – shopping lists, letters, cards and stories.

Year 2 Maths

- Maths is taught 5 times a week
- In year 2 we focus on the 4 main operations; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.
- We encourage the children to be independent and choose a variety of methods and resources to solve problems.
- How you can help at home – play board and counting games, let children use money and help your child learn to tell the time.
- Times Tables – will begin later in the year.

Topics

Autumn

- Pirates and The Isle of Wight
- Fire of London and Wolves
- Visitors – Fire Brigade and a theatre group

- Places you might like to visit
 - Great Fire Exhibition Museum of London
 - Georgia O’Keeffe Tate Modern

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Spring

- Giants and Dinosaurs
- St Lucia and Dragons
- Visitor – Jim Bernadino – percussion workshop
- Places you might like to visit
 - Mary Anning Natural History Museum
 - St Lucia!

Summer

- Nocturnal Animals
- Explorers
- Trip – Harold Hillier Gardens

Year 2 Homework

- Reading – daily
- Written task - once a fortnight (Maths or English). It will be given out on a Thursday to be handed back in by the following Friday.

Assessment

- SATs – these happen in May. We try to keep the process very low key as we don't want to put the children under any pressure. Levels are no longer used. We assess whether or not your child is meeting the expectations for their age group.

Character Education

- This year the school will be introducing a set of virtues for us all to aspire to.
- We will be discussing and celebrating them in class and encouraging the children to think about them in every day life.
- The virtues, chosen by children , parents and staff are: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Perseverance, Happiness and Kindness.

Newsletter

- Half termly
- General summary of what will be covered in all subjects

Parent Helpers

- YES PLEASE!
- Readers, art, cookery, sewing...
- Weekly, fortnightly or one-off sessions
- You will need to have completed a DBS check

- We'll put blank timetables up so you can fill in when you'd like to help.