

# Welcome to Year 2 2017- 18

Briggs Class – Mrs Bryant – Jones with Mrs Acott

Armitage Class - Mrs Hardy with Mrs Boxall

Dahl Class - Miss Orchard with Mrs Gammer

# Year 2 in the mornings

## Arriving in the morning

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

# What do children need to bring in?

- Book bag
- Pencil case – pencil, ruler, colouring pencils, Pritt stick.
- Reading book – every day please
- Water bottle – clear and named
- Healthy snack – the morning is long!
- Named PE kit – this can stay in school for the half term – socks for girls and microtape for pierced ears.

Please make sure anything that children bring in is named – with 90 year 2 children it is very difficult to return missing items without names.

# Year 2 English

## Reading

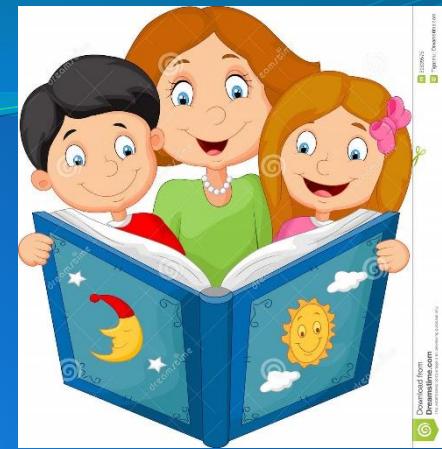
- We assess the children regularly in reading and we will move them on when they are ready. We focus on decoding skills, fluency, expression, use and understanding of punctuation and comprehension.

## Guided reading

- Children will read fortnightly 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. Don't forget to qualify for the reading challenge children need to be reading to an adult!



## Phonics, Spelling and Grammar

- Sessions take place 5 times a week
- We continue with the work started in Year 1 with children working in ability appropriate groups.
- We will be working on spelling patterns and common exception words.



### How you can help at home ?

The spelling needs of the curriculum are difficult to attain without practise. Children need to be practising and completing the spelling activities we send home as they are linked to the spellings and patterns children need to be using within their writing to be on track or exceeding.



## Writing

- English is taught in 5 lessons per week where children are writing with a purpose and an audience, however cross curricular writing is taught across the whole curriculum.
- Building independence and stamina
- Handwriting and letter formation by encouraging the correct pencil grip. ( 3 sessions taught a week)
- Children should be using their knowledge of spelling and punctuation when writing.

## How you can help at home?

Encourage your child to write at home

– shopping lists, letters, cards and stories.

Ensure that children are focusing and talking about the skills they are learning and using in school.



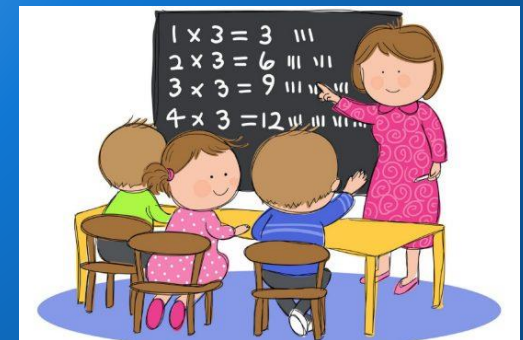
# Year 2 Maths

- 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 of the salty Sea
- Fire Fire!

## Spring

- Dragons
- Australia

## Summer

- A tale of giants
- Explorers



# Year 2 Homework

- Reading – daily
- Spellings to be tested on a Friday
- 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

- Teacher assessments take place 4 times a year, following the Hampshire assessment model.
- SATs 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.
- Please do not panic regarding the SATS – more information will follow later in the year.

# Character Education

- Continuing from last year our school virtues are:  
**Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Perseverance,  
Happiness and Kindness.**

# Newsletter

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

# Parent/ Grandparent Helpers

- YES PLEASE!
- Readers, art, cookery, sewing, classroom jobs...
- Weekly, fortnightly or one-off sessions
- You will need to have completed a DBS check
  
- Please speak to your class teacher about when you are available 😊 We are very grateful for any help!