



Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer break. It is wonderful to see the children settling into their new class and school year. They have returned full of enthusiasm and have lots of exciting stories to tell about their summer adventures. The new school year has got off to a great start and we have all been really impressed with how ready, respectful and responsible the children are being in our classes.

What your child's year group will be learning this term:

We have started our 'Fire Fire!' topic. Please take time to read the attached curriculum overview to get a feel for the activities that the children will be covering during this term.

Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading - Thank you for all your home support with reading, we have been really pleased with the children's clear enjoyment of reading and motivation to read. We always strive to change each child's school reading book frequently, however we do not want this to stop children from enjoying other texts. Please use the local library and books from home as additional reading resources. **Please ensure that your child brings their school book and reading record to school every day. We will be checking reading journals each Monday and Thursday.**

Please listen, read and share stories as often as you can with your children and keep a record in their reading diary. When they record three reads at home within a week, they will receive a house point. Reading is now being monitored as a whole school success and so each class must submit how many times they have collectively read over the week on a Friday. If our class wins three times, we will receive a treat on a Friday afternoon – even more reason to enjoy books at home but please remember to record this!!

Spelling – Children will be set a list of spelling words to learn each week. **This will now be on Spelling Shed**, a site like Times Table Rock Stars where your child can log on and practice their spellings through fun games. Please see your child's logins in their reading records. You can still practice the spellings using pen and paper too if you wish; and other words using the same sound, individually and within sentences, as this is when most children make mistakes.

Homework – On Fridays, homework will be set using Google Classroom and be submitted to school by the following Wednesday. House points will be given to children who attempt and submit their homework.



Forthcoming Trips and Visits:

Science Oxford workshop – 23rd September 2025

St Leonard's Church visit – 1st October 2025

Tower of London – 19th November 2025 (more details to follow)

Uniform:

Children should wear plain white or navy polo shirts, grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafore dresses, and navy sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks should be black, grey or white and tights should be navy or grey. Footwear should be smart black shoes or plain black trainers (no logos). Please make sure that all items are named. No make-up or jewellery should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back please.

PE kits:

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. This may get muddy and will need to keep them suitably warm; it must include a pair of trainers to change into. Our PE slots are on Monday and Thursday for the Autumn term. P.E. kit should come to school with your child on Monday ready for the week ahead and should be taken home to be washed at the weekend. If children do own the school PE badges, they are able to wear a plain white top. No football/sports kits please. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children can have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. All children in Year 2 are provided with a mid-morning, healthy snack.

Important dates for your diary:

Monday 8th September – Y2 Class Information and Meet the teacher 2:30pm

Wednesday 1st October – SEN Parent's Coffee Morning 9am

Wednesday 1st October – St Leonard's Church visit

Thursday 2nd October – Individual, Sibling and Group photos

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Friday 17th October – Black History Heroes Day

Friday 25th October - Last day of half term

Monday 3rd November - INSET Day 2

Monday 10th November – Anti-Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11th November - Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 12th November - Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm

Monday 17th-Friday 21st November – Road Safety Week

Wednesday 19th November - Y2 Tower of London



Wednesday 26th November – KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon 1:30pm (Spelling)

Friday 28th November – Christmas Fair

Monday 8th December - KS1 Performance to the school: 1pm

Tuesday 9th December - KS1 Performance: 1:15pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)

Tuesday 9th December – KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)

Wednesday 10th December - KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)

Thursday 11th December - Parents' open afternoon begins at 2:45pm with mince pies and mulled wine.

Friday 19th December - End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Best wishes,

Miss Cook and Mrs Ledden-Fletcher

