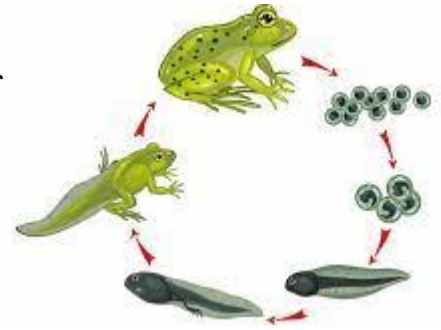




Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to Year 2. I hope you have all had a great break and are looking forward to what promises to be a busy Autumn term.

Our topic this term is 'Fire! Fire!'. We'll be investigating and comparing The Great Fires of London and Nantwich, finding out what it was like to live in England in Tudor and Stuart times. We will be visiting Nantwich Museum, where we get the opportunity immerse ourselves in Tudor Nantwich.

In **maths** we'll continue to build on our learning from Year 1 to develop the quick recall of number facts and our understanding of two-digit numbers, develop our understanding of addition and subtraction use this knowledge to problem solve. We'll also be looking at the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

The teaching of **reading** will be continued through Read, Write Inc. Pathways to Read and Accelerated Reader. Children will be issued with Read Write Inc or Accelerated Reader levelled books to bring home and read to you. These will be linked to the books they have been reading in their RWI sessions and will be changed each Monday. Please ensure that **RWI Reading books are returned to school each Monday**, as they are purchased in sets of six and a missing book means that a **whole set is withdrawn from use**. **Accelerated Reader** books need to be in school every **Monday and Friday**.

In addition to this, **Reading for Pleasure** books from the library will be changed on Tuesdays. All children are encouraged to change their books. Sometimes, children have a particular favourite which they want to choose again. These books are designed to be read **by you**, with your child joining in when able to. This allows children to share the reading process with you and to develop a love of reading with less pressure on them.

In Year 2 we also have **Reading Rocks** bags. 5 children are chosen every week to take these home to enjoy with you. They contain a variety of texts and are aimed at introducing children to something a little different!

Home-school planners should be in school every day. Children are encouraged to read at least 5 times a week. This can be a variety of texts, reading to a younger sibling, reading magazines, recipes and instructions –anything that gets them reading!

I will be introducing new **spelling** patterns on a Monday and spelling lists will be sent home each week for the children to practise at home. Please remember, as with all homework, 'little and often' has the biggest impact, especially on retention of spellings.

Our regular **PE** days for this term will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure that your child wears the correct Excalibur PE kit. A list of the full PE kit is on our website. Pupils can wear tracksuit bottoms for PE if it becomes too cold. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed or covered with micro-pore tape or similar on PE days. Any earrings will need to be removed by your child for a PE lesson.

Mr Hancock will be teaching PE and Science to the class on a Thursday afternoon.

The school gates are opened at **8:50am**. Registration closes at 9am so please ensure children are in class before then. The school day ends at **3:20 pm**.

Could you please send your child in with a **healthy** snack for their midmorning break. They will also be offered fruit for afternoon break.

It is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water (not juice) each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. Please make sure your child's bottle is **clearly labelled**. They will be reminded to take their bottle home every night for washing and refilling.

We will continue to communicate with you through **Seesaw**. This may be telling you about what we've been doing in class, announcements, homework etc. It's also great to hear about the children's interests and achievements out of school too! Remember to sign up for the Family Access if you have more than one child at school.

We are planning a one night residential trip to the Conway Centre in Delamere Forest in the Spring Term – more details to follow.

Meet the Teacher Meeting - Tuesday 12th September 3.30pm

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through our contact email address (contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) or you could leave a note in your child's planner.

Mrs Griffin, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bebbington

Quick Recap

Monday – Return RWInc books, Accelerated Reader books, Reading Rocks Bags and Homework book

Tuesday– PE kit. Return Library books

Thursday – PE kit

Friday – Accelerated Reader books in school