

Welcome to Year 2

Teachers and Teaching assistants in Year 2

Class 2

- Miss Walker
- Mrs Morrison (Teaches in Class 2 on a Monday)
- Mrs Moss

Class 2a

- Mrs Williams
- Mrs Collis
- Mrs Heal

What is the best way to contact us at school?

If there is anything you need to tell us, please either -

- Write a note, and remind your child to give it to us;
- Leave a message with the office - it will be brought to our attention;
- If there is anything you are unsure of, please email the office if urgent admin@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk, or the class emails which will be checked approximately once a week:

Class2@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Class2a@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

School will only call home in the event of a serious incident.

If you have any concerns or worries and you can't find us

Other points of contact:

- Mrs Gresty - Headteacher
- Mrs Bradford - Deputy Head
- Mrs Williams - KS1 Assistant Head & Y2 teacher
- Mrs Waddington - KS2 Assistant Head & Y6 teacher

Further Support -

- Mrs Lavin (Learning mentor)
- Mrs Bradford (SENDCo)

Daily routine in Year 2

- **8:40 – 8.50 Start of the day** - Please enter from either Middlewich Road or Jubilee Walk gates, and send your child straight in through the Year 3 doors at the end of the corridor. **Register is taken at 8.50am and gates will be locked at 9am.**
- **3:20 Home time** – Please let your child know where you will be standing so they can find you easily.

No children are permitted to ride bikes and scooters on the playground, nor play on the play equipment before or after school.

What is covered in the curriculum in Year 2?

Main topics in Year 2

- Autumn – India (Geography)
- Spring – Local Study: Jodrell Bank (History)
- Summer – World War 2 (History)

Trips

Trips in Year 2

- Village Walk (September/ October)
- Stockport Air Raid Shelter – Thursday 20th June 2024

Phonics & Reading – Little Wandle

The phonics scheme we follow in school is called **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** which the children followed last year.

- Phonics is taught every day – whole class – during the autumn term. We also learn the Year 2 spelling rules which are taught separately.

Further information can be found via this link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Reading – Little Wandle

All children will read as part of a guided reading group three times per week (beginning 18th September 2023)

Books to be sent home:

- Reading Practice Books
- Sharing books – 2 Reading for Pleasure books

Books will be changed and sent home each Thursday. The expectation is that children read for a minimum of 10 minutes each day).

Re-reading a book is excellent for developing comprehension and fluency.

Please send reading folders into school every day.

School Library

The children are encouraged to read for pleasure and each class visits the school library weekly.

- Class 2 – Thursdays
- Class 2a - Fridays

Spelling

Year 2 spelling rules will be taught each week using the Spelling Shed scheme.

Further information about how you can access Spelling Shed at home will be sent later in the term.

Feedback

We are eager to ensure that feedback for work completed is as effective as possible.

- Written feedback will be used where it is appropriate;
- Some feedback will be verbal (whole class, group or individual);
- This means that there will not always be green pen on every piece of child's work.

E-Safety

Through e-safety, the children are taught about many aspects:

- Staying safe online
- Digital trails
- Cyber bullying
- Effective internet searching using key words
- Evaluating and choosing websites they like

What homework can we expect in Year 2?

- For homework, we will be continuing with our 'Homework Menu' where the children choose at least one piece of homework to complete each half term; however, they can complete as many as they want! There will be a date when the homework is due in then the children will share it with their class. We would like to encourage all work to be emailed in where possible, but it can be brought in.
- We encourage you to read at home with your child daily.
- TTRockstars (times tables) – The children will receive login details for this from January. By the end of Year 2, the children need to know their 10x, 2x and 5x tables.

When are our PE Days?

All Year 2 children have **indoor PE every Monday** and **outdoor PE every Thursday** . We will continue to go outside as the weather deteriorates.

Children should wear PE kit on PE days. PE kits are as follows:

- Plain t-shirt in their house colour or plain white (with or without school logo)
- Navy or black plain shorts/skort, plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms (to wear over shorts if the weather is cold)
- Plain black trainers – preferably with Velcro fastening for younger children (unless they can tie their own laces)
- School royal blue sweatshirt (plus a plain blue/grey/black hoodie to go over the top during cold weather – no slogan/logo)

Coats

- Please ensure your child has a coat every day – we do go out even if it is raining. Often it can rain on a day where it looks like it may not, so please send your child with a coat of some description each day.

School Rules

○ Our school rules:

We look after each other

We look after our school

We try our best

Behaviour Charter

- You should have all received a paper copy of the behaviour charter today to keep at home.

Please take the time to read through and discuss this charter as a family.

Please keep it at home for reference.

Rewards

- Proud Cloud – linked to the school rules. When we spot children who make us proud, their peg moves onto the proud cloud.
- Cube jar – Cubes are given to the whole class when they are working together positively as a class. Counters can also be collected for individual achievements. When the counter jar is full, the counters can be exchanged for a cube.
- VIP – One child is chosen at random; they have special jobs to do in the classroom, have a special place to sit and they can line up at the front of the line as well as a number of other things.

Snacks & Water Bottles

- Toast is available daily from the 18th September for 25p a slice. Please pay using ParentPay.
- Fruit is available daily;
- The children may bring in a healthy snack from home, but please be aware that there are children in school with severe milk allergies and nut allergies - **we are a nut-free school.**
- Children are encouraged to drink water regularly. Please ensure that water bottles have a sports cap, not a screw top as these often spill. No Chilly's bottles please.

What else do you need to know about Year 2?

Parents' Evening

- Autumn term parents' evening will be virtual on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October.
- . The spring term parents' evening will be face to face on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February.

SATS

- SATs are no longer statutory for Year 2 children. However, the government are publishing formal guidance on schools accessing end of Key Stage 1 assessments later in the autumn term.

Further information...

Toys

- The children are not to bring toys in from home, please.

Parent Helpers

- We always welcome helpers, especially reading helpers in KS1; If you are interested in coming in to school to help, please let us know.

School Website

- Each week, we will update the Year 2 class page on the school website to say what is happening in Year 2 each week. In addition, any extra information about the following week will also be posted. The homework menu is on the main Year 2 page.
- You can also find further information about how to help your child at home with reading, our topics, how to stay active, staying safe online, times tables and wellbeing.

<http://www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk/>

PTA

- The PTA is very keen to have more parent members join – please look on the school website for more information.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please see us at the end of the school day or email us on the class email address:

- Miss Walker – Class2@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk
- Mrs Williams - Class2a@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note, these are only checked once a week.