

Welcome to Class 2



The Class 2 team would like to welcome current and new parents and children to Class 2 at the start of this new academic year.

This information will give you an overview of our timetable and expectations for our class and hopefully answer any questions you may have. Extra information about our class, including curriculum information for the term, will be on our Class 2 webpage on our school site.

Curriculum

Class 2 will be taught the National Curriculum 2014 and as a mixed class, children will access their year group curriculum to allow them to meet their year group expectations. On occasions the class will be taught as a full class and on other occasions may be taught in year groups.. Additionally, we practice lots of maths and grammar skills first thing before the register so early starts in school are really beneficial.

Reading

We have a wonderful phonics scheme in Monster Phonics that your child will be familiar with. Please read as often as possible (we recommend 15 minutes a day) with your child as it makes an amazing difference to their confidence and progress. At this stage we are really encouraging children to read for pleasure, understand the text and discuss what they have read. Please record the date and title of these books in the reading record and any comments, every time they read. Your child will read their home reading book in school each week to an adult so please ensure it comes into school every day. In class 2 we are encouraging all children to read regularly and will therefore begin to reward children for the amount of reads they have. This information is in the front of their reading record.

Year 2 children will bring home Monster Phonics books as their home reading book. We will change their book once a week on Tuesdays. The book that the children have will link to the phonics and spellings that we are doing in class, therefore, please use the opportunity to examine the book to its full potential. Year 3 children will be able to choose a book which links to their reading level. When they have finished their home reading book at home, please remind them to change it if you feel they have a good understanding of what they have read.

Guided reading in school

The children will read with school staff for a focussed read involving discussion. Whilst this reading is going on, other groups may be working independently on a reading response activity including comprehension. All children will also have the opportunity to read on a 1 to 1 basis each week. We are also very fortunate to have amazing volunteers that come into school who love to read with your children.

Homework

Homework will be set on Thursdays, where either English, Maths or Topic homework will be set. Maths will be linked to key skills such as times tables or number bonds or work we are completing in class. Children knowing their times-tables, number bonds, number families and key mathematical vocabulary. English homework will be linked to current grammar or vocabulary skills. We may set topic work too which will be linked to the learning we are completing in class - there is more information about this on our class webpage.

We will also be sending home spellings each week. Year 2 spellings will link to the phonics work we are doing in school, whilst Year 3 spellings are exclusive to their year group.

We have an amazing online platform with Google Classroom so I will also use this on occasion to set homework.

PE

P.E will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their full P.E kit in school and that this is labelled clearly with your child's name. They are responsible for looking after their belongings so any item clearly labelled is easier to return or identify. Children must not have any earrings in for P.E and they must be taken out prior to lessons, as we are unable to take them out for children.

Chromebooks

Currently, Year 3 have access to their own Chromebooks or their own allocated school Chromebook. Year 2s have been allocated a Chromebook that they can use in school and we will start learning how to use these soon. (We will ensure that their usernames and passwords are in the front of their reading record so that they are able to access their computers easily when the time comes.) Year 2 parents - you will receive information towards the end of this year about buying a Chromebook for your child if you choose to do so. I will not be setting any homework on Google Classroom for Year 2 children yet, but I might on occasion for Year 3. There will always be instructions on where homework is set in your child's homework book.

We use Chromebooks regularly in class to consolidate learning or practise maths fluency. Please ensure that these are charged and brought in every day. We will accommodate your child as best as we can if they forget to bring it in.

End of the Day

Please ensure that you wait to pick up your child from the playground inside the school gates. Before leaving, the children will mention to the class teacher that someone is there to pick them up and will wait until the teacher has acknowledged them before going. This is especially important for new children joining the class as we get to know adults that collect from school. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we safely dismiss the children.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school and that this is labelled clearly. The children are responsible for their own items. We also ask that your child comes to school with a coat and any other essentials that they might need as we head into the colder months, e.g. hat, scarf, gloves - all clearly labelled. We do not have a lost property box in school.

Timetable of teachers and significant class routines

Day	Teachers	Other information
Monday	Mrs Ashcroft am Mrs Hymers pm Mrs Williams am Mrs Stringfellow	
Tuesday	Mrs Ashcroft Mrs Williams am Mrs Stringfellow	Homework collected in Y2 Reading books collected in and changed PE pm
Wednesday	Mrs Ashcroft Mrs Williams am Miss Hart	
Thursday	Mrs Ashcroft Mrs Williams am Miss Hart	Homework handed out
Friday	Mrs Ashcroft Mrs Williams am Miss Hart	PE pm Celebration Worship 2:45pm

Please do come and see us if you have any queries, concerns or just as importantly if you are pleased with something your child has done. We also love to hear of any achievements the children have from outside school and encourage them to bring any certificates or trophies into our Friday worship to celebrate with our school family. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Mrs Ashcroft, Mrs Hymers, Mrs Williams, Mrs Stringfellow and Miss Hart