

Welcome to Year Two

We are Poplar Class

Staff

Mr James

Miss Duckworth (Mon)

Miss Nelson

Miss Latters (Tues & Wed AM)

Routines

- Doors open at 8.45am. The earlier the children are in, the quicker learning can start. The children have a flashback 4 maths activity to complete as they come in.
- Each morning coats, bags, lunch boxes will be stored in the cloakroom and water bottles are all put in the trays at the back of the classroom.
- Children are rewarded with Dojos throughout the day for good behaviour and hard work.
- PE is Thursday and Friday.

Year Two

- One of the exciting things about our classroom this year is that we will be following a continuous provision approach, similar to what the children may have experienced in Year 1. It will take place during afternoon sessions.
- Our provision will become increasingly challenging and purposeful.
- We will have a mixture of teacher-led lessons, whole-class teaching, small-group activities and opportunities for the children to explore and learn independently through our provision.

Curriculum information for AUT1

Please view the school's website for a detailed, termly summary of all curriculum areas.

- English - RWI and Penguin in Peril/ Traction Man
- Maths - Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Shape
- Science - Everyday materials
 - DT - Healthy Muffins
- Geography - Continents and Oceans
- RE - Why is the Bible such a special book? Do people of all world faiths have holy books?
- PE - Multi-skills
- Computing - Creating pictures/ Making Music
- PSHE - Being me in the world
- Music - Hands, feet, heart/ 10 pieces/ No place like

Key Stage 1 SAT tests

These are now non statutory for KS1 but will still be used to inform assessment at the end of Year 2.

- There are 2 maths papers and 2 reading papers along with an optional spelling, grammar and punctuation test.
- Planning is to do it in small groups and chunked rather than all formal in a hall.
- Writing is teacher assessed.
- Examples of past SAT papers are on the table for you to have a look at if you'd like.
- No extra preparation at home is needed. The children will cover what they need to know in class over the year.

Homework

- Reading books and spellings will be sent home each Friday.
- Reading book bags return on Wednesday.
- Maths homework ideas for each term will be posted on the class page of the website.

Other information

- Please provide a named water bottle for your child.
- Vegetable or fruit snacks only please.
- School fruit is available each day.
- Please provide a coat every day.
- Please name all clothes, coats and possessions.
- A small toy that can fit in a coat pocket can come out at playtime - lego figure, small toy etc.
- We have our own resources that the children will use throughout the day, and this helps us to keep our classroom organised and ensures that everyone has what they need.

How can you support at home?

Reading

Daily reading of books from school.

Use the Year 2 guided reading questions during reading sessions to help develop comprehension skills.

Share a wide range of books together - note these in reading logs if you'd like.

Writing

Revisit and practise Y1 & 2 spellings regularly. Refer to them during homework activities and encourage children to copy them down correctly.

Maths

Mental strategies - gradually moving away from relying on the hundred square.

Times tables and division facts

Telling the time

Money

Useful websites/resources

- Hit the button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Times Tables Rockstars (for Year 2 from the spring term)
- Spelling games and activities to support the Year 2 programme of study - <https://spellingframe.co.uk/>
- A range of English and maths interactive games can be found here - <https://www.ictgames.com/>
- BBC Bitesize Keystage 1 - Lots of English and Maths games here
- <https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2> - A brilliant site for age appropriate book recommendations.