



# Year 2 at Beaver Road



Year 2 is an integral year for children as it is their last year in KS1 and they will be building on existing skills and knowledge to ensure they have a concrete understanding of the KS1 curriculum. Year 2 has also historically been the year that children completed their end of KS1 SATs. From the academic year 2023-24, the KS1 SATs are no longer statutory, but will be optional for schools. We will provide more information regarding our plans for assessment later in the year.

In Year 2, children will be learning skills they will need to be happy and productive citizens of the world. We provide a creative and challenging curriculum that inspires our children and prepares them for life in a culturally diverse and ever-changing world. Our values ensure that children question, discover and become resilient, independent learners. Our Curriculum will prepare our children for life-long learning.



*Tell me and I forget  
Teach me and I remember  
Involve me and I learn.*

*Benjamin Franklin*



# Life in Year 2





# ♥♥♥ Mrs Rihula Mour – Head of Year 2 and 2LM Teacher

## Meet The Team



Hello children! I'm Mrs Mour and I am so excited to meet you all in September! I have been teaching for 9 years and I have been at Beaver Road for 7 years. This is my 2nd year leading Year 2 and I hope to do a good job for you all! If you have any ideas for the year group or anything at all you need, just come and speak to me; I would love to hear your ideas! I love our school and call it my home away from home.

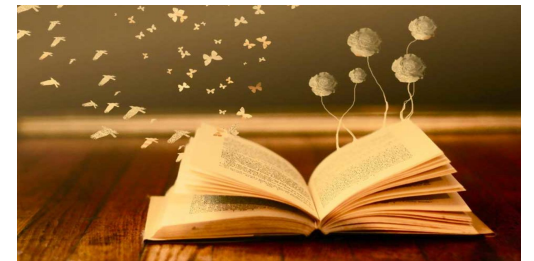
Next year will be a big change for me as I will be sharing my class for the first time and this will be with the wonderful Mrs Lowe. I am looking forward to this new and exciting change! I will be in class for 2 and ½ days and for the rest of the time, I will be helping Mrs Hardy & the Senior Leadership Team in my new role as Assistant Head of School!

I like to spend my spare time with my sisters Sasha (10) and Sama (17). We like to go out for walks and exploring the countryside. We love playing together and being silly. I also love **going to the beach**, **travelling**, **writing**, **reading** & **watching my favourite artists performing in concerts**.

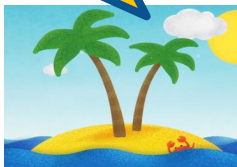
I was once lucky enough to be in the newspaper! You can read and find out more about me [here](#).

**A song to describe me is:**

Treat People With Kindness – Harry Styles



*Fun Fact: I am originally from the Maldives! A group of tropical islands with sandy beaches and palm trees.*





# ★ ★ Mrs Lowe – 2LM Teacher ★ ★



**Fun Fact:** I have done a skydive in New Zealand!

nice to meet  
YOU

**I love rollercoasters!**



Hi Year 1! I am so excited to be teaching in Year 2 in September. I'm Mrs Lowe and I have been a teacher at Beaver Road for 16 years! When I'm not teaching, I love spending time with my family. I have a little girl called Elsie and two boys, Jack and Alfie. We love going on holiday to our cottage in Wales! I enjoy reading, listening to music and cooking asian food. I also love visiting new places, especially ones with a beach or a rollercoaster! We have lots of fantastic topics in Year 2 and I can't wait to share them with you. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

**I love John Burningham books!**



**A song that I love:**  
One day like this - Elbow







## Miss Bristow – 2B Teacher



**Fun Fact: I have synesthesia! This means I see numbers and letters as colours!**

Hi everyone! I have been teaching in Year 1 for the last two years at Beaver Road and I am now so excited to be joining the Year 2 team! It is going to be such a fun year with lots of new and exciting things to learn and do together.

When I am not in school, I love eating out with friends and family and visiting new places in the UK and abroad. Holidays are the best aren't they! I also love seeing live music and we will be doing lots of singing in the classroom together this year.

I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and I cannot wait to catch up with you all in September!



**My favourite food is cheese!**



**I love skiing!**



**My favourite colour is yellow!**

**A song to describe me is "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey**







## Ms Toolan-Kerr – 2TK Teacher



**Fun Fact: I have trekked for 5 days to see one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu!**



Hello everyone! I'm so excited to be back, teaching in Year 2 where I taught in 2021! For the past year I have had an amazing time, travelling around South America and living in Seville (in the South of Spain). I wonder if any of you have been to a different country? I love to learn about different countries and cultures, as well as meet new people and make new friends. I am so excited to meet all of you!

When I am not teaching (or travelling) I love to sing! I studied music at University and I have lots of friends that I like to make music with here in Manchester. I love to read stories and non-fiction books that teach me about the world. I really enjoy riding my bike, swimming (especially in the sea), running and going for walks around the beautiful countryside. I also love to cook and eat delicious food!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are as excited as I am to get stuck into the learning in Year 2. We have so many fun and interesting topics in store. I'm looking forward to sharing them with you!



**A song to describe me is:**  
What A wonderful World - Louis Armstrong





## Mr Reed – 2R Teacher



**Fun Fact: I have 4 brothers and 1 sister!**



**I love being by the beach.**



**My favourite colour is green**



**My favourite food is pizza!**

Hi everybody, I'm Mr. Reed and can't wait to meet you all in September! I'm really looking forward to all the fun and exciting topics we are going to be learning about! I love teaching at Beaver Road and I'm really looking forward to all the fun and exciting thing we are going to be learning about. Outside of school, I love running and swimming. I also love exploring new countries and tasting lots of yummy foods from around the world. I look forward to seeing you all soon.



**A song to describe me is:**

You can count on me by Bruno Mars





## Miss Marrett- 2M Teacher



**My favourite colour is orange!**



Hi everyone! I hope you are as excited as I am about joining year 2 as I am! I can't wait to get to know everyone and start are year of learning together.

I have been a teacher at Beaver Road since 2017. Can you work out how many years that is? I have spent most of my time in year 3 but I know I'm going LOVE year 2.

My favourite things are spending time with my two little girls Bonnie and Flora, gardening and exploring the outdoors. I can't wait to find out all about you too.



**Chocolate is my favourite thing to eat! Especially chocolate cake!**



**I love to relax and watch a beautiful sunset. It is my idea of heaven!**

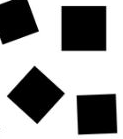


**Fun fact: I have walked across England from the North West coast to the North East coast.**

**A song to describe me is:**  
Happy- Pharrell Williams







## Teaching Assistants in Year 2

We have a team of highly experienced Teaching Assistants working across Year 2. They will be supporting children with their learning both in class and in small group interventions. The support of our Teaching Assistants will enhance the learning experience for children in Year 2.



**Mrs Halai HLTA**



**Miss Hopkins**



**Mrs Pitt**



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IMAGE**

**Miss Tawn**

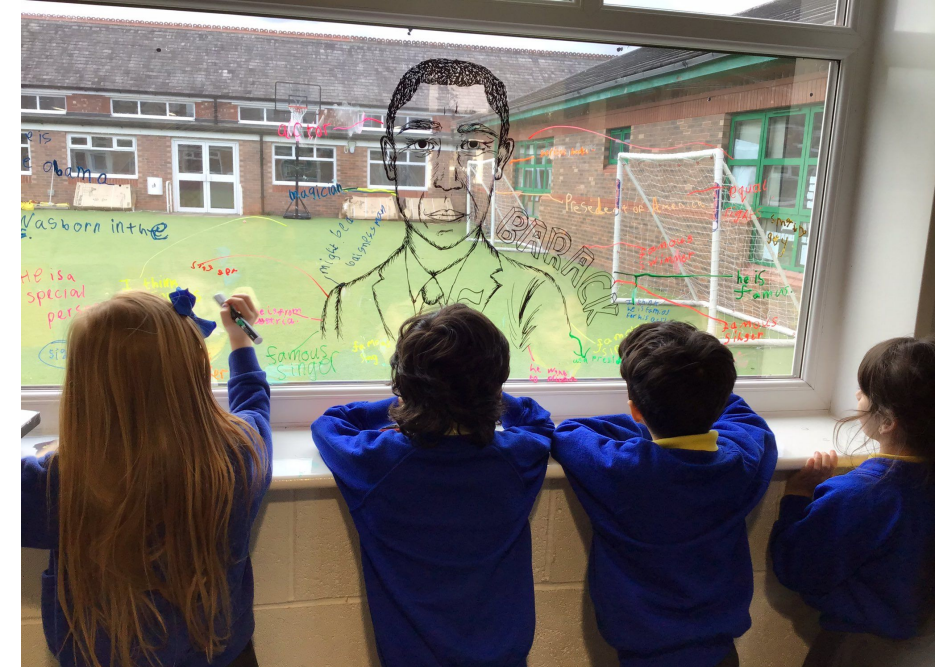




# Learning Environments

All Year 2 classrooms are designed to give children the opportunity to learn by exploring exciting learning environments which help deepen their understanding of concepts taught in class. Common areas in all classrooms include Reading Areas, Investigation Areas, Maths/Writing Areas and Creative Areas. All classrooms also include calming areas with Zones of Regulation to help children regulate their emotions and practise mindfulness activities. Children's Rights and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development are embedded in all areas of the classrooms with class charters designed and made by the children at the beginning of the year.

*Awsomeness  
Happens Here*







## *Daily Routines*

***8.50 - 9.00 - Registration / Morning Challenge***

***9.00 - 9.30 - Guided Reading***

***9.30 - 9.45 - Handwriting***

***9.45 - 10.45 - English***

***10.45 - 11.05 - Break***

***11.05 - 11.20 - Mastery Number***

***11.20 - 12.15 - Maths***

***12.15 - 1.15 - Lunch***

***1.15 - 1.45 - Phonics / Spelling***

***1.30 - 3.00 - Topic / Science***

***3.00 - 3.20 - Class Book / Tidy Up***

*DAILY*  
*schedule*

## *Snack and Lunch*

In Key Stage One, all children are provided with a free healthy fruit snack at break time. There is also an option for your child to have milk, however this is at an additional cost. If you wish for your child to be added to the milk list, please contact the school office.

Lunch can be pre-ordered on [www.livekitchen.com](http://www.livekitchen.com).

## *PE Kits*

PE kits need to be in school every day to ensure your child can participate fully in PE lessons. In cold weather, it is advisable to send in jogging bottoms and a long sleeved top. PE days will be confirmed at the start of the term.

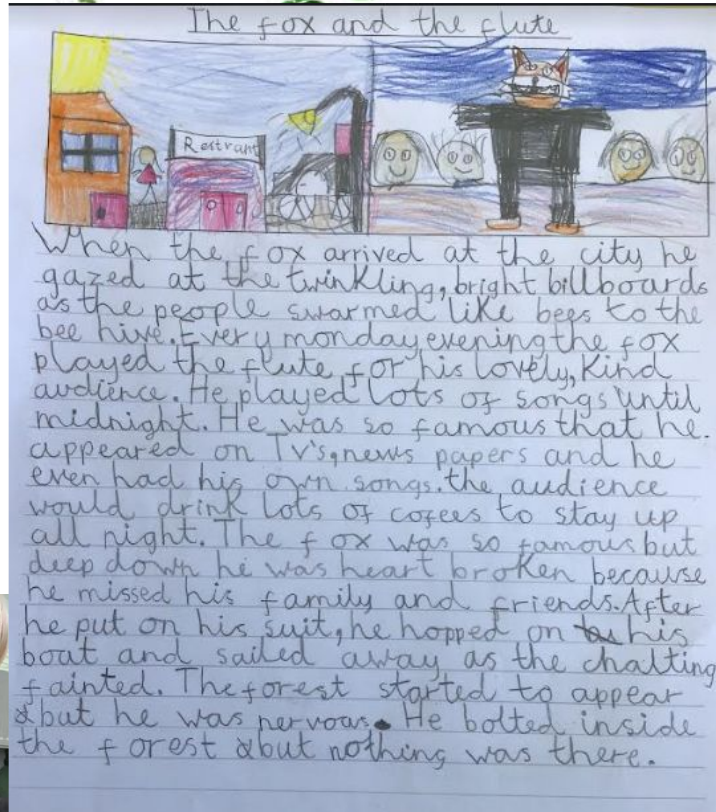


# English Curriculum

Our English curriculum is underpinned by a strong emphasis on the importance of reading in order to build the foundations for children's understanding of all areas of learning and the wider world.

It is essential for children to read daily, both at school and at home as this will allow children to become more fluent and independent readers. Creating a reading environment and routine at home will be incredibly important in ensuring children's success in Year 2. If you would like tips and information about how to do this, we are happy to help and answer any queries you may have.

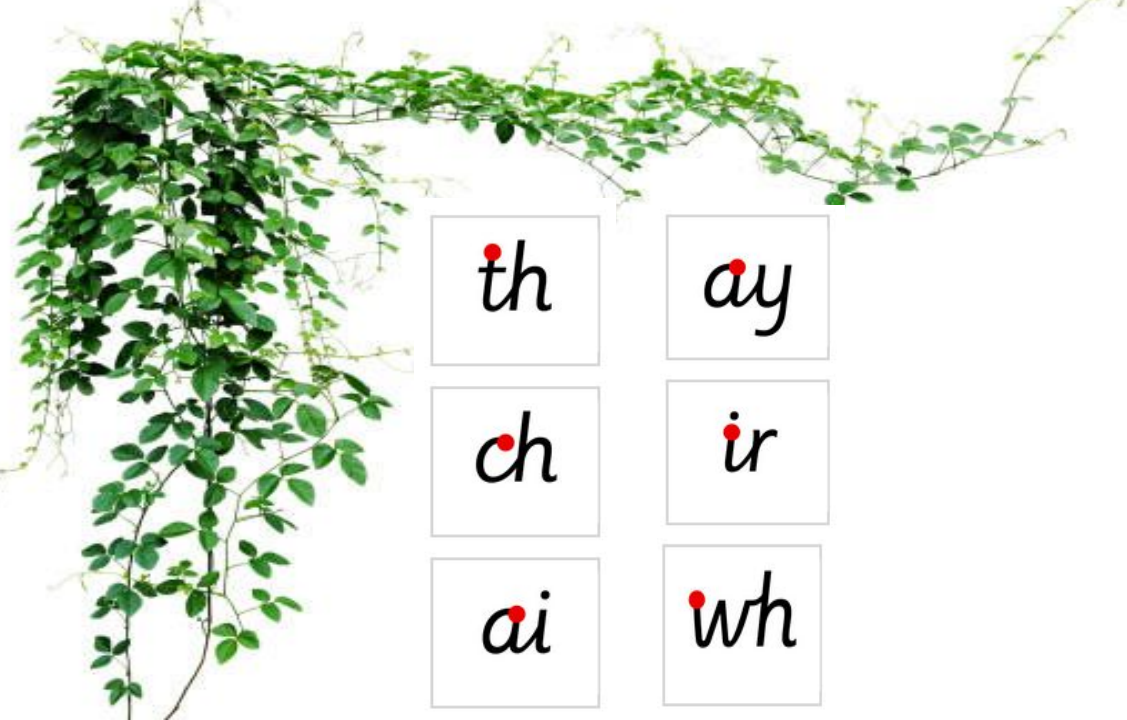
With the building blocks of language enhanced by reading, children's own writing will also start to flourish. We encourage parents to support English development at home by practising the weekly spelling rules shared by teachers. In addition to this, there is also a key emphasis on letter formation and handwriting. We will be teaching handwriting formation and joins in class regularly and practising these at home will complement children's classroom learning.





# English Curriculum

## Year 2 Statutory Spellings:



th	ay
ch	ir
ai	wh

badge  
dodge  
smudge

edge  
fudge  
judge  
lodge

bridge  
ridge  
wedge



This week's words all have the trigraph 'dge'. It makes a /j/ sound.

How many syllables does each word have?



after  
again  
any  
bath  
beautiful  
because  
behind  
both  
break  
busy  
child  
children  
Christmas

class  
climb  
clothes  
could  
cold  
door  
even  
every  
everybody  
eye  
fast  
father  
find

floor  
gold  
grass  
great  
half  
hold  
hour  
improve  
kind  
last  
many  
mind  
money

most  
move  
Mr  
Mrs  
old  
only  
parents  
pass  
past  
path  
people  
plant  
poor

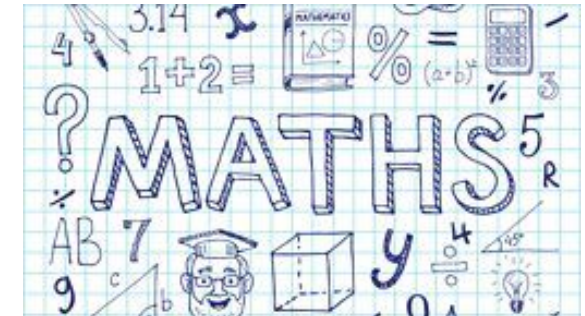
pretty  
prove  
should  
steak  
sugar  
sure  
told  
water  
whole  
who  
wild  
would

All English planning is centred around an exciting Reading and Writing journey in which children are exposed to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Talk For Writing strategies are used in class to support learning. Children's handwriting and spelling is paramount to success with Writing and regular practise at home is essential.



# Maths Curriculum Overview

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Week 1	Number and Place Value: Numbers to 100 LESSON BREAKDOWN	Statistics: Picture Graphs LESSON BREAKDOWN	Measurement: Time LESSON BREAKDOWN  Measurement: Volume LESSON BREAKDOWN
Week 2		Mid-year (A) Tests and Remediation	
Week 3	Calculations: Addition and Subtraction LESSON BREAKDOWN	Calculations: More Word Problems LESSON BREAKDOWN	
Week 4		Measurement: Money LESSON BREAKDOWN	SATs
Week 5	Calculations: Multiplication of 2, 5 and 10 LESSON BREAKDOWN		
Week 6			
Week 7	Calculations: Multiplication and Division of 2, 5 and 10 LESSON BREAKDOWN	Geometry – Properties of Shapes: 2-D Shapes LESSON BREAKDOWN	
Week 8		Geometry – Properties of Shapes: 3-D Shapes LESSON BREAKDOWN	
Week 9	Measurement: Length LESSON BREAKDOWN	Fractions: Fractions LESSON BREAKDOWN	Revision and End-of-year (B) Tests
Week 10			
Week 11	Measurement: Mass LESSON BREAKDOWN	Review and Revisit Topics	
Week 12	Measurement: Temperature LESSON BREAKDOWN		Review and Revisit Topics



Here is a look at our long-term curriculum overview for Maths.

In Maths lessons, we use practical resources to support children's understanding of Mathematical concepts. We also use strategies from the Maths No Problem scheme in accordance with National Curriculum requirements.

Please support children with basic number skills at home by regularly practising counting, doubling, number-bonds, multiplication facts and telling the time.



# Learning Journey Overview

## Autumn 1:

*Why would a Dinosaur not make a good pet? (Science)*

## Autumn 2:

*What lessons have we learnt from the Great Fire of London? (History)*

## Spring 1:

*What are the main differences between my life and a small African village? (Geography)*

## Spring 2:

*Which internationally famous person did something incredible in the past? (History)*

## Summer 1:

*How different are the environments close to our school? (Geography)*

## Summer 2:

*How can I make a moving Victorian vehicle? (Design & Technology)*





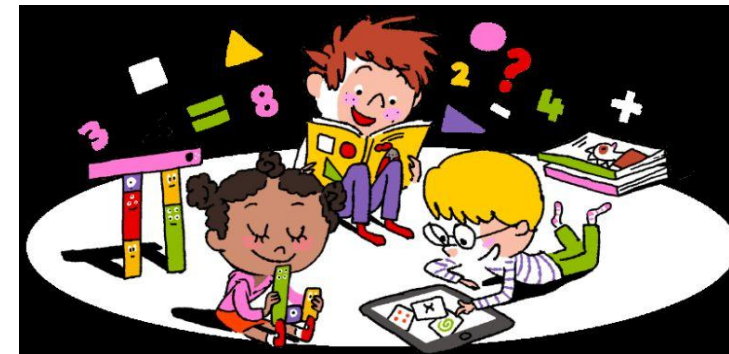


# *Learning At Home*

Children will be sent a termly Learning At Home grid related to the topics covered in class. Additional practise material will be shared as and where necessary.

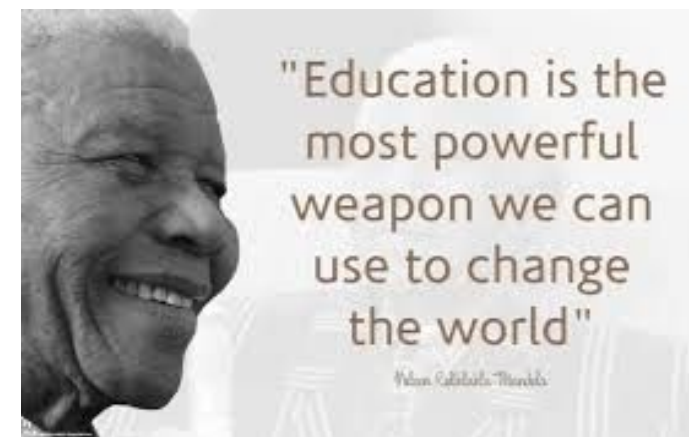
It is extremely important for children to read for at least 10 minutes a day at home to improve their reading fluency. Children will be sent a reading book which they can change when they finish the book.

Please also ensure that children practise the Year 1&2 Common Exception Word list.



Seesaw is used regularly for both home learning and class use. Children will be given opportunities to share learning from the week on Seesaw for parents to engage with via Family Seesaw.

Seesaw is also used as a tool to support Reading at Home in line with the guidance and expectations set out [here](#).



"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"

*Nelson Mandela*



## Changes to our School Uniform from September 2023

We are incorporating our school logo onto our current uniform.	Our new PE kit is a black t-shirt with black shorts, skort or leggings.
Bookbags with the new logo are compulsory from Nursery to Year 2	Our providers are MCS Stores, Didsbury and Monkhouse Cheadle.

### New items:

Black showerproof windbreaker with a retractable hood (optional).

Bookbag with the new logo (compulsory for year groups nursery to year 2).

Backpacks with the new logo (optional).

### Our main uniform:

Gold polo.

Royal blue cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece.

Charcoal trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts.

Blue or yellow gingham dress in the warmer weather.

Black shoes or trainers.

**Important note: There is no expectation for parents to buy this new logoed uniform if a current uniform still fits or you have bought the current uniform in readiness for September. Both uniforms are welcome in school until the older uniform naturally phases out.**

We have made a bigger change to our PE kit. We wanted something comfortable, durable and a kit could stay looking fresh throughout the year. This new kit is compulsory from September 2023. The new PE kit is a black t-shirt and black shorts, skort or leggings. PE items with our logo will be available from both our suppliers, plain black items without the logo can also be worn – **Please note: general sportswear will not be accepted as kit and a full black kit must be worn for all lessons from September.**







## *Parental Partnership*

We aim to work in partnership with parents to give the best education to your children and to do this, we value your opinions and feedback. Our doors are always open and we welcome open and regular communication with parents. If you need support for your child's home learning please contact us via [admin@brps.net](mailto:admin@brps.net) for the attention of your child's class teacher.

*See You Soon*

## *Useful Websites*

### Maths

**Nrich** - <https://nrich.maths.org/>

**Times Tables Rockstars**

**Maths Frame** -

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication-and-division>

**Top Marks** -

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencingnumbers>

### English

**Literacy Shed** - <https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

**Top Marks** -

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=9>

**Storyline Online** - [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

**Once Upon a Picture** -

<https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>

### General

**Espresso** - username: student22154, password: beaver

**Mindfulness Activities** - [www.calm.com](http://www.calm.com)

**Kids Yoga** -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWSgNEs4IPg>



# SCHOOL READING LIST

## Year 2 books - our recommended reading list



To read more about these books for year 2 children aged 6-7, visit <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk>