

# Welcome to Year 2



# Daily Timetable:

8:35 – 8:45 <b>Reminder of gate opening time of 8.35am</b>	Register Breakfast
9:00 – 10.00	English
10.00 – 10.15	Break
10.15 – 10.45	Phonics / Spelling
10:45-11:45	Maths skills check Maths
11:45-1:00	Lunch (Opal play)
1:00- 1:20	Grouped Reading (Assembly on Monday)
1:20-2:20	Afternoon lesson
2.20-2.30	Afternoon play
2.30-2.45	Afternoon lesson
2.45-3.00	Handwriting
3.00 – 3:20	Story



# Weekly Timetable:

- Miss Mannering will work with groups in the afternoon
- Quite a few adults work within Year 2 during the day. Some stay all day, some for morning/afternoon only
- Forest School -TUESDAY AFTERNOON
- PE day – FRIDAY afternoon ONLY. Children to wear P.E kit to school. (White t-shirt, dark bottoms and trainers/pumps)
- After-school clubs and after school care





# OPAL play (Outdoor play and learning)

This year we will be starting the OPAL programme at our school. OPAL is all about improving playtimes so that children have more fun, more freedom and more chances to learn. We want to make play as important a part of the school day as maths and English.

Children will have the chance to use a wider range of play equipment and materials.

Playtimes will become more active, creative and social. Research shows that better play helps children's happiness, confidence, attendance and learning in class.

The big idea is simple: if we improve play, we improve the whole school experience for every child.



# OPAL play (Outdoor play and learning)

- Children all have play at the same time, and there are no set areas where children can go. The whole yard is for every child to access.
- Play is led by the children and adults monitor and make sure everyone is safe.
- Children have access to many materials such as dressing up costumes, kitchen equipment, sports equipment and small world items.
- As we move through the programme more, things such as tyres and scooters will begin to be introduced. Forest school will eventually always be open.
- Football has been reduced to give all the children more opportunities to play in smaller boosts. At lunchtimes this is refereed by a sports coach.
- Play will take place in all weathers, and the field is always open, so it would be useful if all children could have wellies in school all the time.
- We will be asking for small donations of used items throughout the year from small businesses, parents, and other members of the local community and any help is greatly appreciated. Please see the class teacher if you feel you have something that could be donated.



# Trips and Visits:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
			Residential		

- £8 per child for most trips
- Residential – March 2026!
- Although heavily subsidised by school, the total cost for parents will be around £85. For those children who are entitled to benefit related *Free School Meals*, the cost is reduced to around £65. **School Spider payments.**



# Homework:

- No formal homework setting
- Reading at home/NumBots practise





# Reading Books

- Children will take home a reading book each week
- Adults will change books on a Friday – links to the phonics
- School staff to decide when a child changes levels as we take many things into account when changing their level
- Children will have access to the school library weekly





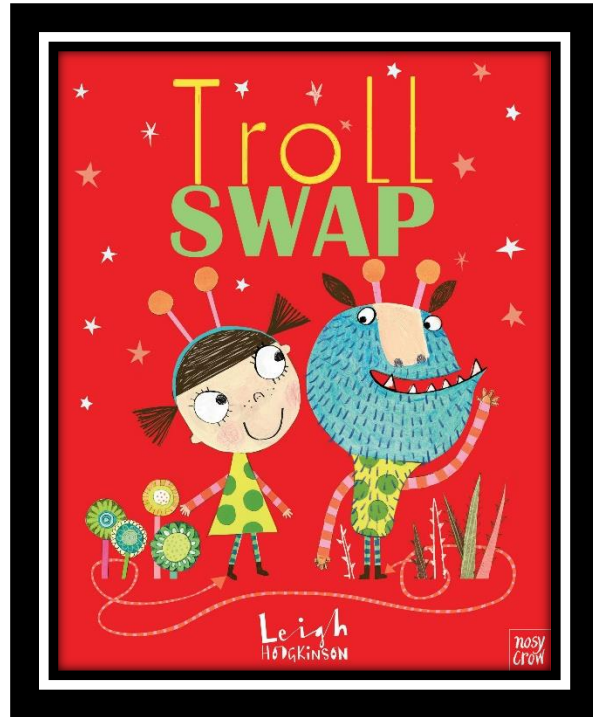
# Before and After school care

- Book via School Spider app
- FREE breakfast club
- After school care

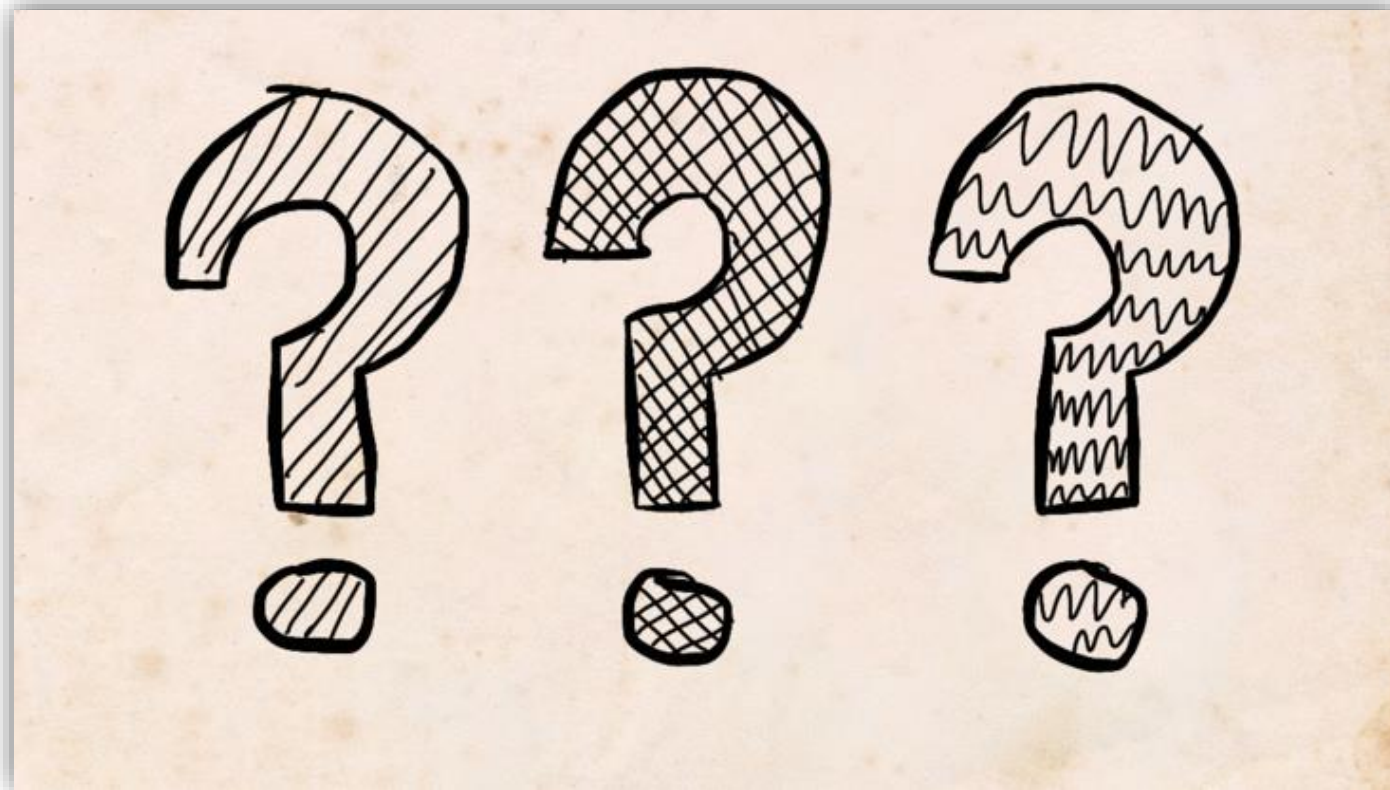


# Identity:

- Our topic for the half term
- Be yourself: everybody else is already taken



# Any questions



# Keeping in touch:

If you need to speak to me, I can see parents before school, you just need to call the school office to arrange this beforehand. Alternatively, you can catch me once all the children have left at 3:20pm.

