




Welcome to Year 2!



Class teacher:
Mrs Olcot

Teaching Assistants:
Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Lewis

Expectations

- Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are named, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves! 
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- Children need a bookbag only. Please do NOT send a rucksack to school. Please choose one keyring to attach to your bookbag - thank you! 
- Pupils need a pair of named wellies or outdoor shoe which can remain in school for the whole year. 

Water bottle

Named water bottle everyday please. We encourage the children to drink water and the bottles can be refilled at the outdoor tap.



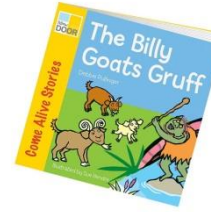
PE



PE days: Wednesday and Friday

- Indoor: Named house colour t-shirt **with logo**, black or navy shorts and named plimsolls.
- Outdoor: Named house colour t-shirt **with logo**, black or navy tracksuit and named trainers (with a good grip)
- All hair longer than your ears to be tied back.
- All earrings to be removed on PE days. If earrings are still within the 6 week initial period please provide tape (dressing tape) to place over the earring.
- All of the above is essential for the child's health and safety.
- PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. We will endeavour to do PE twice a week as far as is possible. If your child is to be withdrawn from a PE session, a signed note from the parent or carer must be sent in to school. Anyone withdrawn from PE will be included in lesson time elsewhere in the school.

Reading



- It is our expectation that pupils will read at home to an adult daily; at least 3 times per week as a minimum. These sessions must be recorded in the pupil's Reading Diary.
- I will check books on a Monday and Thursday.
- The National Curriculum for Year 2 focuses heavily on comprehension of texts.
- Whole class guided reading

Home Learning

- Reading is our main home learning task in Year 2, alongside practise of the high frequency words attached to the reading diary.
- Reading Eggs - each week I will look at time on task, which will determine who receives the Reading Eggs award in Friday's assembly.
- Online Maths game/task - given to you via a link on the weekly newsletter.
- Occasionally, there may be a paper based maths task which will be outside of the back door to collect on a Friday after school.
- If there is an activity linked to a topic we are learning, we will let you know about this via the newsletter.

Timetable

Mon	Morning Activities & Registration	Phonics	Guided Reading	English		Guided Maths	Maths	L	PSHE	Library	Story
Tues		Phonics	Guided Reading	English	ME	Guided Maths	Maths	U	Topic/Science 1.30-3.00		Story
Wed		Phonics	Guided Reading	English	AYTI	Guided Maths	Maths	N	PE	Computing	Story
Thurs Mrs Kybert		Phonics	Guided Reading	English	PL	Guided Maths	Maths	C	Topic/Science 1.30-3.00		Story
Fri		Ach Assembly Phonics	Guided Reading	English/RE/ Music		Guided Maths	Maths/RE/ Music	H	Paired Reading	Outdoor PE	Story

Morning Activities

- Morning activities begin at 8.45
- Each morning has a different focus: Phonics, vocabulary, maths, topic and writing.
- If children arrive after 8.45 they are missing the morning activity and, therefore, unable to benefit from the new learning or opportunity for revision that is so beneficial.

And finally ...

- We are teaching the children new methods and strategies for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. If you would like further support with how to help your child at home with a particular method, please come and ask. I will be very happy to help!
- Some of our PSHE topics can be quite sensitive e.g. discussion of loss, e-safety and relationships. We will let you know before teaching any topic we think may be sensitive.
- A school focus is on Spoken Language. Please help your child to pronounce words clearly and accurately. This will give them a huge advantage when spelling. E.g. 'then' with a clear 'th', not a 'v' or 'f'. Another example is to pronounce 'twenty' not 'tweny'.

- Expectations for behaviour are high, this includes behaviour for learning.
- Class Charter has been agreed.
- Rewards will be given for attention to these - praise, house points, marbles, stickers, golden time, agreed rewards.
- Sanctions will be given when classroom behaviour is below expectation in the form of green cards.
- Break time snacks - if provided from home please ensure they are fresh fruit snacks (not cereal bars/nuts).
- Polite reminder - if providing your child with birthday treats for the class, please ensure the products are nut free. Please do not be offended if we are unable to share the treat if we are not sure of their content.

- Important Dates:

25th January 2024 Class Assembly 9.05 am

23rd May 2024 Values Assembly 9.05 am

If you have a message for me that is urgent, please pass the message to the person on gate duty or phone the office.

If you have a non-urgent message/question, please feel free to email me at:

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I will aim to respond within 24 hours.