



# Welcome to Year Two



## AUTUMN 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Two! We are so very happy with how your children are settling in - what a wonderful set of little personalities! Below are a few general reminders and some expectations for this academic year.

Year Two Staff - our team comprises of: Mrs. O'Shea (Class Teacher), Mrs. Nowell and Miss. Ashton (Teaching Assistants) and Mr. Jordan who covers Mrs. O'Shea on a Friday.

Autumn Curriculum coverage - the attached curriculum map outlines the curriculum we will cover this term. In addition, we will cover the Maths topics: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction and Shape. In English, we will use the texts 'Grandad's Island', 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark' and 'Meerkat Christmas' to support our writing.

Educational Visits - We will be visiting Coventry Transport Museum to support our 'Travel and Transport' topic and an exciting Christmas themed visit is also being planned. More details to follow.

PE - P.E. kit needs to be worn on Wednesdays for the whole of the Autumn term up to Christmas. Children will also need to wear P.E. kit on Tuesdays as we have dance classes. Dance classes finish at half-term so no P.E. kit is required on Tuesdays after October half-term.

Coats - Children MUST bring a coat to school - we are still able to play outside in the drizzle!

Maths Homework - Labels will clearly indicate which pages are to be completed each week in your child's White Rose Maths Workbook, ensuring that homework is in line with what has been taught in class that week. All children will be capable of completing the first page, some may need support with the second page and the last page is usually a fun, practical task that you may wish to complete with your child. Please use pencil in these books. Workbooks must be returned to school by Wednesday at the latest to ensure that they are marked.

Spellings - As usual, each week children will receive a list of spellings from their Phonics teacher which need to be learnt. In Year Two, we send an additional list of class spellings to most of the children which expose them to a range of spelling rules. We learn these each day in our Morning Work at school - the sheet allows practice at home, too, and does not need to be returned to school.

Handwriting - This year, your child will be learning to write in a cursive style we refer to as 'Letterjoin'. We are introducing letters on a weekly basis so that by Christmas all letters of the alphabet will have been covered.

Reading - Book bags must be in school every day of the week so that we are able to hear your child read. These bags will include their Phonics book(s) and an additional 'Class' book which will be changed on a weekly basis. We can see that many of the class are being heard read regularly at home and this practice makes such a difference. Please do encourage them to be readers at home and use the Reading Diary to record this.

Water bottles - Please ensure that your child always brings a water bottle to school and is able to unscrew it easily.

Named uniform - we seem to be collecting a pile of jumpers, cardigans and hoodies on a daily basis and almost all of them are unnamed which makes it difficult and time-consuming to find their owners. Please label all uniform with your child's name.

Drop-off and Collection - Our school day starts at 8.40am and, before registration, children complete some Flashback 4 Maths questions and practise their spellings. This early morning work is an important start to the day. At 9am we then move to either Phonic lessons or Assemblies and, for those children who arrive late, it can be quite an unsettling start to the school day. Thank you for collecting children promptly at 3.10pm from the Church entrance. Please let the office know if ever you are delayed or have arranged for someone else to collect your child. (Hopefully, by Christmas I'll be able to recognise everyone's children - thank you for your patience with me!)

Attendance - as usual, please inform the office if ever your child is absent from school. At the moment, we have had quite a lot of poorly children who have clearly needed to be at home to recover. We will always inform you when your child is unwell at school but we do encourage them to stay where possible and often they 'perk' up during the course of the day.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year ahead. We will endeavour to share information on X (formerly twitter) and the class webpage on our school website. If you have any problems please contact the school office or jot a message in your child's Reading Diary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. O'Shea, Mrs. Nowell, Miss. Ashton and Mr. Jordan