

Welcome to Year 2

I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 2. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer. The children will be taught by Mr Cracknell (Chestnut/2a) and Miss Wood (Elm/2b), with Mrs Murphy also working within the year group.

What will children be learning?

We will start in terms 1 and 2 with Street detectives, looking at our local area and World War One and remembrance. In terms 3 and 4 our topics will be Amazing Earth (Continents and Oceans) and Significant Victorians. In terms 5 and 6 our topics will be Australia and The Great Fire of London.

What will they need and when

All Year 2 pupils will need their PE kits throughout the week and they will need to take their PE kits home every Friday. 2B (Elm) will be doing forest school every Monday morning in terms 1, 3 and 5. 2A (Chestnut) will be doing forest school every Monday morning in terms 2, 4 and 6. When children have forest school they must come to school in appropriate outdoor clothing - school uniform is not required on those days.

Reading and Bug Club

Your child will be given a set of books from the appropriate reading shelf and a reading diary to bring home and read. The expectation in Year 2 is that children read daily at home and this is recorded with a signature in their reading diary. We would advocate still listening to your child read and asking pertinent questions on a regular basis as this is the best way to develop their reading comprehension. Pupils will be heard read in school weekly for guided reading and some pupils will receive more intensive reading sessions. Home reading books will be changed once a week in school.

Bug club is a fun online resource with lots of eBooks and games that children enjoy using. This excellent resource provides challenging questions which will help your child to develop their comprehension skills. Each pupil will be provided

with their password and log in details if they do not already have this information. Activity will be monitored and updated on a fortnightly basis.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on Wednesdays. Each child has a book to record their homework in. They need to practice their mathematics fundamentals in their books in preparation for a quiz on Fridays. In addition, they will be set a grammar activity once a week and this will be reviewed in school. The children will also bring home 5 spellings to practise each week. All termly homework will be available on the school website.

Times Tables Rock Stars.

This is a great resource for helping to learn times tables and basic mathematical fundamentals so please try and use this on a regular basis.

General Reminders

Children should arrive and be picked up on the Zone 3 (middle) playground. It is important that children are in school on time every morning, so that they can consolidate their learning from the day before through early morning challenges.

For hygiene purposes, all children should bring in a water bottle. These should be taken home every day.

We look forward to working with you and please, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,
Mr Cracknell and Miss Wood