



# Year 2

## Information Booklet



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Year 2 at the start of this new school year! The aim of this booklet is to give you an introduction to life in Year 2 and to give you key information about events.

### Staff Team

Here is an outline of the staff who will be working alongside your children this year:

	<b>2A</b>	<b>2CL</b>	<b>2W</b>
<b>Class Teachers</b>	<b>Miss Aitken</b>	<b>Miss Challis</b> (Mon, Tues, Thurs) <b>Mrs Law</b> (Weds & Fri)	<b>Miss Walters</b>
<b>PPA Cover Teachers</b>	<b>Mrs Johnstone</b>	<b>Mrs Harris</b>	<b>Miss Noble</b>
	<b>alternate Thursdays</b>		
<b>T.A.s</b>	<b>Mrs Harris</b> Mon - Thurs <b>Mrs Heath</b> Fridays	<b>Mr Bonner</b>	<b>Mrs Tullett</b> Tues. - Fri. <b>Mrs Simons</b> Mondays
<b>I.N.A.s</b>	<b>Mrs Townsend</b>		

### Aims and Expectations

The aim of this year is for all children to work hard, challenge themselves and be ready for moving to the Juniors next year. We encourage children to be more independent than in Year 1 and be more responsible for themselves and their belongings; including organising their own book bag giving in their homework.

## Topics

Term	Topic Title	Key Texts
Autumn 1	"Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!"	The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, Snail & the Whale
Autumn 2	Celebrations and Commemorations	Magic Granddad - Remembrance Day
Spring 1	Frozen	The Emperor's Egg
Spring 2	'Fire! Fire!'	Magic Granddad - The Great Fire of London
Summer 1 and 2	An Island Home	Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers

## School Trips

We also take every opportunity to extend the curriculum by taking up all appropriate offers from other organisations. Here are some exciting trips and events that the children have to look forward to:

- Punch and Judy Show in school
- Volk's Railway Talk in school
- Visit to the beach
- Visit to Shoreham Lifeboat Station
- Visit to Hove War Memorial
- Visit from the Fire Service
- Great Fire of London Workshop in school

## Reading

We try to inspire all children to have a love of reading. The children are given a book to take home as their reading book. Each class has a weekly Library slot when the children are allowed to choose one book to take home.

## Writing/Grammar/Spelling

The children will learn a range of writing genres. We will be teaching key grammar alongside this. We will be teaching a daily spelling lesson using the No Nonsense Spelling programme which builds on the foundations of phonics from Year 1.

## Mental Maths

Children need to be secure in their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 and should be able to say the 10, 2, 5 and 3 times tables by the end of the year and recall facts quickly. We will be learning these at school (the times tables will be learnt throughout Autumn Term 2) and it would be really helpful if the children could practise at other times at home.

## P.E.

Each class has two P.E. sessions a week, one in the large hall and one outside. We aim to get outside as much as we can weather permitting. Children are allowed to bring tracksuit bottoms to wear for our Outside P.E. lessons if they so wish.

<b>P.E. Lesson</b>	<b>2A</b>	<b>2C</b>	<b>2W</b>
Large Hall	Monday	Friday	Monday
Outside Space	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday

## Homework

In Year 2 children are given a piece of English or Maths homework on alternate weeks. The homework gives children the opportunity to consolidate work learnt in school. Children will be given a weekly spelling list to learn on a Monday and they will be tested on the words on the following Monday. Please could you read with your child every day for about 15 minutes and sign in your child's Reading Record.

## **Guidelines for completing homework**

Please send your child's homework book back **by Thursday** so that it can be marked ready for the new piece to be stuck in. If you have any problems with any of the homework and would like further explanation of any pieces then come and see us as soon as you can after the work is set.

## **SATS - Key Information and Dates**

During May, Year 2 children are given tests in reading, spelling, grammar and maths to back up our judgements. These are nothing to be concerned about and are used to support the teachers' assessments of your child's learning before they move on to Key Stage 2. Teacher assessments are reported to you on your child's Annual Summary Reports in the form of 'Working towards Expected', 'Expected' or 'Working at a Greater Depth within the Expected' standard.

## **End of the Day**

If you wish to talk to us, please see us at the end of the day when we have seen all the children off. If you know you will be late at the end of the day or if someone else is collecting your child please inform the office or speak to the class teacher the day before.

## **Labelling of Items**

Please label all clothes and P.E. kit including jumpers, shirts, dresses, trousers, shoes, ties, shorts, T-shirts, plimsolls, lunchboxes (named on the outside please), bookbags and P.E.bags. All children need their full P.E. kit in school on their peg. It is useful to have a change of underwear and socks in case of accidents in their P.E. bag!

## Bookbags

It would be really helpful if all children could have a bookbag in the classroom in the correct box. They are allowed to have one key ring for identification purposes. Please check your child's bookbag daily for letters/leaflets.

## Star of the Week

Every Friday a child will be chosen as Star of the Week for the following week. Children can bring in up to 8 of their favourite things on the following Monday to stay in school until the end of the week. During the week they can show and talk about their things to the rest of the class.

## Notice Board

Please check our Year group notice board daily for any notices. It is on the wall outside 2A's classroom.

## What should my child bring to school?

Item	2A	2C	2W
Green Spelling Book	Monday		
Reading Book & purple Reading Record	Tuesday		
Homework Book	Thursday		
Library Books	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday

If you have any questions/queries regarding any of the information in this booklet, then please speak to the class teacher. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year working alongside you and your children.

Miss Challis, Miss Walters and Miss Aitken