



Welcome to Year Two

Expectations and Events

We are here to work with you to help your children, please contact us if there is anything we can do to help you.

Topics



Autumn term: Fire and Ice (Great Fire of London and the Arctic)

Spring term: Dreamtime Tales (Australia)



Summer term: Into the Blue



Trips and visitors



Autumn term: Rainbow Theatre (Great Fire of London)

Spring term: Local walk

Spring term: Australia day (baking in school)

Summer term: Wakehurst Place

Rewards and Sanctions



House points:

- For recognition of positive behaviour in the classroom and around school. These points add into the whole school house point system.

Merits:

- Individual rewards for exemplary work and behaviour. Children will need to gain 44 Merits to achieve their Bronze award. Then it will be repeated for their Silver/Gold/Star Awards.

Reward Ladder:

- Using our class Lego ladder, we will move children up for demonstrating positive behaviour and hard work in class - reach the top and gain a Merit. Also, it helps to remind children to think about the choices they are making.

P.E.



- Elder and Silver Birch: Monday and Thursday
- Please come to school in PE kit, trainers and NO jewellery/earrings.
- Autumn 1 - Both classes will take part in hockey sessions with Sports Stars.
- Autumn 2 - Both classes will take part in football sessions with Sports Stars.

PE days may change throughout the year due to Sports Stars and KICKS

Homework



- Daily reading (10 - 15 minutes)
- Weekly spelling list (a copy in homework books and games on spelling shed) - 15 minutes
- Weekly Numbots/Sumdog games/quizzes- 15 minutes
- Homework will be set on Wednesdays and due the following Monday.

Reading



When should the children change their books?

- Monday mornings children will choose 2 books from their book band box e.g. turquoise
- Daily, children will choose a book from the class reading corner to enjoy at home

How should I record my child's reading?

- Write in their reading diary each time they read. It's helpful to see what the children have read and if they have faced any challenges. We will be collecting diaries in on Monday mornings to look at and sign.

Regular practise of reading Year 1 and 2 common exception words will support reading fluency (little and often makes the greatest impact!)

Assessment



- Ongoing assessments throughout the year
 - Carefully planned lessons and frequent retrieval activities will support the children to remember what they have learned.
 - Song of Sounds phonics assessments (termly)
- *There are no statutory national assessments at the end of KSI*
- We will be using materials that the government produce at the end of the year to support (where necessary) our assessments and judgements

Phonics retake:

Phonics Screening Check - June 2025

- Each pupil reads 40 real/pseudo words 1:1 with their teacher.

Social Media



We know that social media is a major part of everyday lives, please be vigilant around the ways in which your child is using technology.

Some resources that may help:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>
- <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2023.pdf>

How can you help?



- Reading - as much as possible
- Maths - counting practise (particularly backwards across the tens e.g. 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48)
- Phonics/spelling
- Handwriting - use letter join to practise letter formation and joins when we start
- Be positive
- Attend school events
- 'Friends' contact for the class
- Parent governor vacancy
- Tell school if there are issues
- Email - respond within two working days
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