



Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have put together lots of information about next term in Year 2. It includes an overview of the learning we will be engaged in this term, some key things to remember and some ideas for things to do at home to support learning in school.

Year 2 Staff	
Miss Povah teaches Ash class. Miss Aveyard supports in Ash class.	Miss Lavelle teaches Oak class. Miss Winter and Miss Pullen support in Oak class.
	
Things to remember	
<p>Year 2 doors open at 8.30am each day and the register is taken at 8.40am. School finishes at 3.10pm. Each day we have a morning task to complete, to get us ready for the busy day ahead. Children need to bring their book bags to school every day so that the children can be read with and have their books changed every 3-5 days, depending on their phonics group. Their book is changed by their phonics teacher. If you would like more reading materials, please ask us about QR codes from our reading scheme, Read Write Inc.</p> <p>PE days are Wednesday and Friday. On these days, please come to school wearing PE kit (a white top and black bottoms). Every Friday, we have our special Learning Champion assembly in the afternoon where we celebrate our achievements in school. Parents of children who are receiving a reward are invited.</p>	
Homework tasks and fun activities	
<p>Library Visits We have weekly visits to the school library so that we can choose some of the super books that are in there! When children fill their 'Starbooks' reward card, they will go to our Reward Shop in the Library. They will then get to choose a book to take home and keep. Each read at home earns a stamp on the card. 20 stamps fills the card which can be swapped for a reading prize in the shop.</p> <p>Marvellous ME Please let Miss Lavelle or Miss Povah know if you do not have a login for Marvellous Me, and we can organise one for you. Reading at home or completing homework means earning Marvellous Me thumbs up and badges!</p> <p>Home Learning Year 2 will be sent Spelling and Maths homework every Friday. They also have personal login access to NumBots/Times Tables Rockstars to access Maths games at home. We can send out reminders of logins if needed, just let us know! https://numbots.com/</p>	

Learning in School	
English	We will be reading the stories, Monkey Puzzle and the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch as well as doing some exciting work linking to our humanities subjects. Our tasks will be to write stories, poems and information

	texts. We will continue to practise using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, as well as new additions like apostrophes and conjunctions. We will also be practising our handwriting every afternoon.
Phonics	Year 2 will be in groups for Phonics and it is the first lesson of every day. At Knowleswood, we follow the Read, Write Inc Phonics and Spelling program. You can look at this online: https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/
Maths	We will start with money and begin multiplication and division before half term. We will then be moving onto measurement (length and height then mass, capacity and temperature) in the second half of the Spring term. We will continue to work on key fluency skills such as number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, doubling and halving as well as counting by 2, 3, 5 and 10.
Science	We begin by looking at plants (we even get to grow our own as part of an exciting experiment!) and then move onto learning about living things and their habitats.
PSHE	We will be continuing to learn PSHE using The Story Project. This term we will be focusing on the books 'Chicken Clicking' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. For more information see The Story Project: https://story-project.co.uk/
Art	We will be producing some super art work around the subject 'Life In Colour' where we will create a fantastic collage using lots of different textures and materials that will link to one of our stories for this term.
Music	Year 2 will cover Music this first half term through lots of singing both in class and in our assemblies. We will learn lots of new songs and practise some of the school songs that we already know. We use the Kapow music program at Knowleswood to develop our skills in singing and using instruments.
Geography	In Geography, our topic will be 'Why Is Our World Wonderful?'. We will be looking at special landmarks and places in both Britain and the rest of the world, as well as what makes our local area special.
History	In History, we will be learning about the history of flight, all the way from the Wright brothers and the very first plane up to Neil Armstrong and the moon landing!
DT	In DT, our topic is Structures. We will be planning and designing and making a chair for Baby Bear!
Computing	The computing scheme we follow is 'Teach Computing'. We will look at algorithms and collecting data digitally.
PE	This term we will be having lots of fun in PE, following the 'Beyond the Physical' scheme. We will explore topics like 'Inspire, Create, Perform' and 'Jump, Shape, Create'.
RE	Before half term we will be looking at why the story of Buddha is important to Buddhists, and then we will move onto the Easter story and why Christians believe that Jesus resurrected after his crucifixion.

Key Dates

Monday 5th January – School Opens
Friday 30th January – School Closed for Training Day
Monday 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13th February – Close for Half Term
Monday 23rd February – School Opens
Friday 27th March – Close for Half Term