

Year 2

Information for

Parents



WELCOME TO YEAR 2

We look forward to the year ahead and sharing your child's learning journey with you. We hope you find this information useful. There is always a lot of information at the start of a new class, so please keep this booklet safe so that you can refer back to it when necessary.

Teachers

- Teacher - Mrs Val Joyce
- Teaching Assistant - Mrs Kelly Kulczycki
- Midday Supervisor - Mrs Debbie Kershaw

Reading Books

- We will endeavour to change your child's reading book on a Monday, Wednesday and a Thursday if the book is completed.
- The reading book 'bookmark' challenge operates throughout the school. Please endeavour to read every night with your child. It really does make the world of difference. (See explanation of the reward system in the front of the reading journal in your child's book bag)
- See 'Infants Reading at Buckstones' leaflet for more ways to help your child.
- See also the sheet entitled 'Can you tell us?' This can be used as an aide memoire for when you read with your child at home.

Buckstones KS1 Reading Challenge

We have an additional reading challenge this year across the school. This is to promote a love of reading as well as being a bit of fun!

- See the Key Stage 1 Autumn, Spring and Summer Reading Challenges.

Guided Reading

- Mrs Joyce will hear the children read in guided reading sessions with groups of four or five children. These will give the children an opportunity to read aloud from a shared text and ask and answer questions about what they have read.

Book bags

- Please check your child's book bag every night as there may be important letters or pieces of information.
- Encourage your child to keep their bag tidy.
- If the children would like to put a keyring on their reading folder to help them identify them in the box, that is fine.

Pump bags

- Your child will be expected to bring a pump bag with their P.E clothes in (list of clothes needed is further on in this booklet) but also could you please make sure that there are a couple of spare pairs of socks/tights and some underpants/knickers in there too.

Homework

- Reading: 10-15 minutes per night.
- Practise weekly spellings and common exception spellings.
- Literacy/Numeracy - according to themes / concepts studied that week
- Homework should be presented in the same manner as schoolwork, with pencils only being used for written work.
- Homework **MUST** be returned within 1 week of being set, unless otherwise stated.
- A tick list will be kept to ensure all children have completed homework set. A judgement for the quality of homework is given in the end of year report.

Golden Time

- Golden Time is on a Thursday after P.E. The children can choose from a variety of toys and games in the classroom.
- Golden Time may be reduced for a child if their behaviour is inappropriate during that week.
- The class can gain extra Golden Time, for example when making us proud during a certain lesson, or making a real effort learning a new skill, or showing excellent behaviour at playtime.

P.E. (Thursday afternoon and Friday morning)

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term
Games (outdoor) Attacking and defending Football Skills	Dance Gymnastics (indoor)	Dance Gymnastics (indoor)	Dance Gymnastics (indoor)	Games (outdoor) Catch Racket Skills Feeding and fielding
Athletics (outdoor) Running Jumping				Athletics (outdoor) Throwing

- P.E. on a Thursday afternoon is taught by Mrs Kulczycki and P.E. on a Friday morning is taught by Mrs Joyce.
 - P.E. kits to remain in school all week / all term, to avoid forgetting it.
 - Outdoor kit - joggers, leggings, t-shirt, jacket/jumper & trainers*, Sept - Oct half term, plus all of the summer term.
 - Indoor kit - white/yellow PE t- shirt, black shorts & pumps, Oct half term - April (Easter)
- * Trainers must be worn for outdoor P.E**

End of Year Expectations

Reading Expectations

See separate sheet

Writing Expectations

See separate sheet.

See also Year 2 Grammar and Punctuation booklet.

Maths Expectations

See separate sheet

Passport to Success

Please continue to think of opportunities to add to your child's Passport to Success. These booklets are an excellent way of recording your child's achievements as they journey through school and will continue to be used in secondary schools.

SATS

The children in Year 2 will have tests in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Mathematics in May 2020. There will be a meeting for parents in January/February to explain these and for you to have a look at some past papers. The exact date will be sent out nearer to the time.

If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see us.

We are looking forward to your child's learning journey through Year 2.