

## Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parent/Carer

We have put together lots of information about 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

Mrs Barrett teaches Ash class.	Mrs Kausar supports in Ash class and is also a cover supervisor so may teach classes in Year 2.
Miss Lavelle teaches Oak class.	Miss Winter supports in Oak class.
	
	

### Things to remember

Year 2 doors open at 8.45 each day and the register is taken at 9am. School finishes at 3pm each day.

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 they can be read with and have their books changed. All book bags and books will be looked at every Friday, but please ask your child to leave their book bag on the windowsill in their classroom if they need their book changing more regularly.

PE day is Tuesdays, PE kit is provided for all children however you may send your child with their own kit from home. Please make sure they have a plain, red top and black bottoms (shorts, joggers or leggings).

On Fridays we have our special Learning Champion assembly in the morning where we celebrate our achievements in school.

### Homework tasks and fun activities

#### **KS1 Reading competition**

Each class in KS1 compete to have the most home readers each week, your child should put their name on the chart in their classroom to indicate they have read at home. This does not need to be their reading book, it could be reading sign posts or street names on the way home, reading magazines or instructions of a game. The class who have the highest number of home readers at the end of each half term win additional break times.

#### **Library visits**

We have weekly visits to the school library so that we can choose some of the super books that are in there! If children bring in their book bags, they can take the chosen library book home to be returned for the next week. Please be aware Year 2 change their library books every Tuesday.

#### **Marvellous ME**

If you have not got a login for Marvellous Me please let the office staff know.

Reading at home or completing homework means earning Marvellous Me thumbs up and badges!

#### **Home Learning**

Year 2 will be sent Spelling and Maths homework every Friday. They also have personal login access to NumBots for home to play Maths games and Bug Club to read books interactively, all of this will help your child's learning in Year 2. We will be sending out a new copy of everyone's login details as soon as possible.

<https://numbots.com/>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

<b>Learning in School</b>	
<b>English</b>	We will be reading some super stories in our first term in Year 2. Supertato and The Enormous Turnip are just some of the texts. Our tasks will be to write letters, instructions and stories so we will need to be using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! Every afternoon we will be practicing our handwriting in class.
<b>Phonics</b>	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: <a href="https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/">https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/</a>
<b>Maths</b>	Year 2 focus on place value and addition and subtraction in the first half term. They need to know the value of each number in 2-digit numbers. Then we can use this information when we are adding and subtracting numbers. Also we will be working on recalling number bonds to 10 and 20 fluently.
<b>Science</b>	The first topic we look at is the survival needs of all groups of animals including humans. They learn that all groups (mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, amphibians and humans) all need air, food, water and shelter to survive but may access these differently e.g. fish breath via gills. The next topic will look at Humans in closer detail; exercise, food, hygiene and human teeth.
<b>PSHE</b>	Me and my relationships is our first PSHE topic as we move into our new Year group followed by Valuing differences. PSHE lessons give us lots of opportunities for sharing and talking. We follow the SCARF scheme for our PSHE learning. <a href="https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/">https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/</a>
<b>Art</b>	We will be producing some super Art work around the subject 'Telling a story' through drawing. We will be using different mediums to create our pieces of art work such as charcoal, pastels and crayons. For one lesson they will need to bring in their own cuddly toy from home – we will remind you of this closer to the lesson.
<b>Music</b>	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 Music Express program at Knowleswood to develop our skills in singing and using instruments.
<b>Geography</b>	In Geography, we will be looking at countries across the world and comparing the climates of hot and cold countries. Children will begin to understand why some of these countries have different temperatures, vegetation, houses and animals according to how far they are from the equator or polar regions.
<b>History</b>	Year 2 will be learning about how schools have changed over the past 100 years. We will look at the different uniform, classrooms, food and lessons.
<b>DT</b>	In DT our topic is Structures. We will be planning and designing and making a chair for Baby bear!
<b>Computing</b>	The computing scheme that we use at Knowleswood is called icompute. The first topic we will be looking at is called iProgram, we will look at how the Scratch program works. Throughout our topics we always look at and talk about how we keep safe when we are using ipads and laptops.
<b>PE</b>	We will be playing lots of invasion games in PE such as football. This will keep us super fit and healthy and help us to develop lots of different skills that we can use throughout the year. Our second topic for the term is Gymnastics which will help to get us moving and developing our flexibility skills!
<b>RE</b>	Our first religion that we will look at is Christianity. We will be finding out about what Jesus taught and what the gospels are and what they mean to Christians. Our key question for the half term will be 'is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?' This will give us lots to think and talk about in our weekly RE lessons. After half term we will look at the Christmas story and what it means to Christians.

<b>Key Dates</b>
Friday 20th October – Break up for Half Term Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October– School Reopens Friday 15th December - Christmas holiday – School closes Tuesday 2nd January - School reopens

