

## 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 whenever needed.

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! We can't stress the importance of reading as often as possible. Simply reading with your child every night at bedtime or whenever you can is super beneficial for so many reasons!

#### **Library visits**

We have weekly visits to the school library so that we can choose some of the super books that are in there!

Children keep their library books in their tray and can access these at multiple points throughout the day.

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. Just let us know if you are struggling to access these and we can help!

<https://numbots.com/>

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

## Learning in School

<b>English</b>	<p>We will carry on the fantastic work we have been doing during the Autumn term by reading some more super stories. Handa's Surprise, Monkey Puzzle and the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch are just some of the text we will be using to inspire us to write setting descriptions, rhyming poetry, letters and stories.</p> <p>We will keep on making sure that we are <b>always</b> using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! Now we have been in year 2 for a whole term, we will also be making sure to use lots of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to make our sentences more exciting.</p> <p>Every afternoon we will be practicing our handwriting in class.</p>
<b>Phonics</b>	<p>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:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/">https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/</a></p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>In the first half of the Spring term, we will be looking at shape, money, then multiplication and division. We will then move onto measurement, learning about length, height, mass, capacity and temperature!</p> <p>Year 2 children need to keep on practicing their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 until they are as fluent as possible. It would also be super helpful to keep practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, both forwards and backwards! Remember that using the numbots app is a fantastic way to help your child practice all of the maths skills that will really help them at school. Let us know if your child is unsure of their username or password.</p> <p><a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>We will be looking at plants for the first half of the Spring term, learning about different parts of a plant, what they need to grow and what difference light makes.</p> <p>We will then learn about living things and their habitats, finding out about different habitats all around the world, animal diets and food chains!</p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<p>Keeping Myself Safe is our first PSHE topic of the term, followed by PSHE lessons to give us lots of opportunities for sharing and talking. We follow the SCARF scheme for our PSHE learning.</p> <p><a href="https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/">https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/</a></p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>We will be producing some super Art work around the subject 'Life in Colour' using paint and mixed media. We will be learning about primary and secondary colours, different textures and creating our own collages!</p>
<b>Music</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>In Geography, we will be looking at What makes our world wonderful?</p> <p>We will be looking at famous landmarks in both the UK and around the world, recapping what we know about the continents and the oceans and discussing the importance of natural habitats.</p>
<b>History</b>	<p>Year 2 will be studying the topic 'How did we learn to fly?'</p> <p>We will look at famous figures like the Wright brothers, Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong, as well as the reasons why their achievements are so significant.</p>
<b>DT</b>	<p>In DT our topic is going to be 'mechanisms'. We will be creating our own moving fairground wheel!</p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>The computing scheme that we use at Knowleswood is called icompute. We will be learning to animate, and will then move on to produce an ebook containing all the information we learn about how technology has changed over time.</p> <p>Throughout our topics we always look at and talk about how we keep safe when we are using the internet both at school and at home!</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p>During the first half of the Spring term, we will be learning all about dance, then will be moving on to multi skills/fitness.</p>

<b>RE</b>	We will be looking at prayer at home, specifically what this means and looks like for Muslims. We will then move onto the Easter story, and why it is important for Christians that they believe Jesus was resurrected.
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### Key Dates

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - School reopens  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School Closes for Half Term  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – School Closes for the Easter holiday