

## 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 enough. 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/Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) 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://trockstars.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 Spring term by reading some more super stories.</p> <p>We will begin by reading 'George and the Dragon' by Chris Wormell, and doing some writing that is linked to our trip to Skipton Castle! We will then write an explanation text, and read 'Clean up!' by Nathan Byron – which focuses on looking after local environment.</p> <p>We will keep on making sure that we are <b>always</b> using simple punctuation e.g. capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas and apostrophes. We will be continuing 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:  <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 Summer term, we will be learning fractions and telling the time (this will be to the nearest 5 minutes e.g. it is 25 minutes past 2). Then for the final half term we will look at statistics (e.g. tally charts, pictograms and simple bar graphs) and position and direction (e.g. turning right or left, being able to turn themselves or another object a quarter turn clockwise.)</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 and TTRS 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.  <a href="https://numbots.com/">https://numbots.com/</a>      <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>We will be continuing to look at animals and their habitats when we return after the Easter holidays. We will have a couple of lessons looking at how plants grow from seeds and bulbs. We will be setting up an investigation which will carry on throughout the Summer term to observe how these plants grow. Then we will look at life cycles of different living things e.g. humans, amphibians and butterflies and will finish with a couple of lessons about our local wildlife.</p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<p>'Being my Best' is our first PSHE topic of the term, where we learn all about our bodies and how to keep them healthy, followed by 'Growing and Changing'. We will also get the opportunity to learn some basic first aid!</p> <p>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></p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>We will be producing some super sculptures in Art, learning about different techniques to use whilst using clay and eventually creating our own clay houses.</p>
<b>Music</b>	<p>Year 2 do 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 is it like to live by the coast?'</p> <p>We will be looking at the seas and oceans which surround the UK, and finding out about the features of the Jurassic Coast. We will also learn about how people use their local coasts!</p>
<b>History</b>	<p>Year 2 will be studying the topic 'What is a monarch?'</p> <p>We will look at King Charles' job and what happened at his coronation. We will also find out about the very first King of England, William the Conqueror, and how he became king after the Battle of Hastings. We are very excited to be able to visit a castle as part of this topic, as we will also be learning about how King William used castles whilst he was the monarch.</p>
<b>DT</b>	<p>In DT our topic is going to be 'mechanisms'. We will be creating our own moving monsters!</p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>The computing scheme that we use at Knowleswood is called icompute. We will be learning to create our own blogs, and then will move on to learning how to read, write and send emails!</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>	During the first half of the Summer term, we will be learning all about athletics, then will be moving on to cricket.
<b>RE</b>	This term, we will be exploring more about the Islamic faith! We will be looking at how going to Mosque gives Muslims a sense of community and belonging, and will then move on to learn about whether completing Hajj will make a person a better Muslim.

### Key Dates

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Trip to Skipton Castle  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School reopens  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Training Day  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for the Summer holiday