

When in Year 2 ...

Our Year 2 year group is currently divided into two classes – one class taught by Mrs Robertson (Teacher) and Mrs Knight (Teaching Assistant), and the other class taught by Mrs Supriyadi and Mrs Birchall (Teachers) and Mrs Burns (Teaching Assistant). Currently we are very fortunate in being able to work as 3 groups in the mornings with Mrs Hinds who is with us until July 2019.

Year 2 is an exciting year group as pupils are top of Key Stage 1 and in a position of greater responsibility and independence. In this year group we encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings i.e. PE kit, water bottle, lunch box and book bag. The emphasis being that these things are their responsibility but reminders and a helping hand is there when necessary. There is a shift to a more formal style of learning and an emphasis on working steadily throughout the day.

The Key Stage 1 Nativity is a major part of our Autumn Term work, as Year 2 take the leading rolls with many children having lines to learn.



Reading is a key element in this year group aiming to get many children through the Reading Scheme and onto free reading books. Reading every night is desirable and of great benefit. We encourage parents to come into school on a Thursday and participate with *Chatter Books* alongside their children. Bug Club books are also available enabling children to read along with the text or to simply enjoy having the book read to them. They can also benefit from reading comprehension questions through Bug Club. Bug Club can be accessed at home. Please see the class teacher about this.

In this Year Group we have a focus on Key Texts through which we expect writing to make good progress and start to focus on the content of particular styles of writing. We look at stories, instructions, diary, poetry, non-chronological reports and recount writing. We should be seeing a greater quantity of writing and will spend much of the year embedding these writing styles.

We also have an increased emphasis on Multiplication Tables and expect them to learn the x2, x5 and x10 by the end of Year 2. We have Timestable Rockstar as an online game to help learn these, accessible at home, along with Mathletics which helps to practice all areas of Mathematics.



Year 2 SATs are a necessary part of the assessment at the end of the Key Stage, the results of which help us to analyse the experiences we are providing. These assess the areas Reading, Writing and Mathematics. While this is a serious matter we try to make the experience as positive as possible for the children, the emphasis being on them doing their best.

In Year 2 Homework is set weekly and it is expected to be handed in. We set a weekly Maths task and a Spelling task. Once every half term we have a Make and Do homework project and this fits around our topic theme.