Welcome to Year 2 Parent Information Presentation



September 2024

Meet the Team

Purple Class

Mrs Prior - Class Teacher/Year Group Leader
Mrs Charlton – Teaching Assistant

Green Class

Mrs Vadhia and Mrs Negus – Class Teachers Mrs Brooker – Teaching Assistant

Blue Class

Miss Killick – Class Teacher
Mrs Pearce – Teaching Assistant
Mrs Whitethread and Miss Phillips 1:1 TAs

Mr Pring – Headteacher

Introduction and General Expectations

 Structure of day in Year 2 and curriculum subjects.



 Independence and organisation (PE kit, jumpers/cardigans, reading books, water bottles and lunchboxes).



The Year 2 Curriculum

- We follow the National Curriculum in all subjects.
- For RE we use Kent Agreed Syllabus supported by the Canterbury Diocese.
- For Phonics and Spelling we use the Little Wandle phonics and reading scheme.
- For Maths we use White Rose.
- For Writing we use Pathways 2 Write.
- We will send you Curriculum Information each term.



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Homework

- Homework for the week will be sent out on Seesaw at the beginning of the week.
- Please complete homework and post on Seesaw, along with any relevant comments. Sometimes there will be a template to work on and then submit.
- Please try to encourage your child to be independent, with a little guidance from an adult.
- This will be looked at by your class teacher and responses will be sent on Seesaw.
- Please remember that Seesaw is a secure site so any information that you or we post is confidential.



Maths Homework

 Homework may reinforce work done in school the previous week, or it may be more general or revision of concepts the pupils need extra help with.



Maths Homework



- Please encourage your child to do as much as possible independently and to show how they worked out the answers.
- Sometimes Maths Homework will be mental calculations which will not need to be recorded on paper. You may like to send a comment to us on Seesaw telling us how your child managed the task.

General Homework

- This may cover English, Science, History,
 Geography or any other subject. Sometimes it will
 be a practical task, sometimes it will involve
 discussion with adults, and other times it may be a
 more formal piece of work and will usually be
 completed over the course of the term.
- Weekly vocabulary.



Phonics / Spelling Homework

- Spellings will be sent home weekly.
- If there is a spelling rule for the week, this will be explained.
- A challenge may be given for those who learn the words easily.
- Children will be checked on the words in school at the end of each term and will be expected to spell all of these words correctly in all of their writing.



Phonics / Spelling Homework

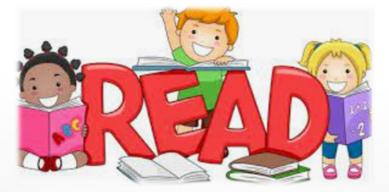
We will also send home approximately 15 Common **Exception Words** each term - these should be learned and used correctly in all writing. They will be assessed randomly throughout the year.



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Reading at Home

- As explained in the welcome message, reading books will come home on a Friday, to be returned the following Thursday.
- Children will bring two books each week.
- When reading with your child, please focus on both fluency and comprehension and remember to send us some feedback using the weekly Seesaw activity.



Assessment in Year 2

- Assessment is continuous, based on Government guidelines of:
- Working Towards the Expected Standard
- Working at the Expected Standard
- Working at Greater Depth
- Each child has individual targets which they work towards, both small steps and end of year targets.
- Expectations are very high but most children will reach the Expected Standard.
- Targets and progress will be shared at Parent Consultations.

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Even better if...

End of Year Testing

This is no longer statutory, but it does form a useful part of the assessment process.

Maths – Arithmetic and Reasoning papers

Reading – two reading comprehension papers

GPS – one spelling paper and a paper to assess grammar and punctuation.

There is no separate Writing paper.

The final assessment given (at the end of June) is a Teacher Assessment based on a combination of test results and general work in school over the whole year.

Phonics Screening

- Any child that did not meet the benchmark for the Year 1 Phonics screening check will retake this in June 2025.
- The assessment comprises 40 words which the children need to read aloud.
- The purpose is to ensure children can segment and blend one, two and three syllable words.



Any Questions?

- Thank you very much for joining us.
- Please send any further questions on Seesaw and we will do our best to answer them.
- Please come and introduce yourself to us at the end of school one day so that we can recognise you at the gate.

