

Year 2 Parents Meeting



Year 2 Team

Alder – Mrs Banton

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Support Staff

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Year 2 Curriculum

We are introducing a new curriculum for Foundation Subjects. It is designed to build on knowledge and skills across each year group. We have started with Geography, looking at maps. In Science we will look at lifecycles. In History we will be looking at the local area. Any help with the local area is appreciated.

How to help your child with Maths

However you feel about maths, you can still help your child with their learning at home:

- Practise their times tables (2, 5, 10, 3 and 4).
- Quick recall of addition and subtraction facts to 20.
- Quick recall of doubles and using doubles for near doubles
- Using money when out shopping.
- Practise telling the time on an analogue clock.
- Cooking – helping weigh out ingredients.
- Play board games, or children could create their own maths board game to play with you
- Most importantly, get the children to explain HOW they have worked something out.

English - Reading

Encourage your child to read daily. The children will be assessed in their **understanding** of the text so it is important to ask them a range of questions:

How did...?

Why did...?

What words tell us...?

Can you think of a word that means the same as...?

How do you know...?

How has the author created the feeling of...?

How to help your child with reading

Create a quiet and relaxed time for reading.

Make reading enjoyable & fun.

Be positive and praise your child.

Visit the library regularly.

Encourage your child to read a variety of texts, including magazines and children's newspapers.

Talk about the books and the content.

Use the internet and books to research our topic.

Ensure your child returns their home reader book every day.

English - Writing

The basis of all good writing is good talk.

Using a range of vocabulary in conversation will help develop your child's writing.

Reading also helps to develop children's writing.

Encourage your child to write alongside you for real purposes by using some of the following:

shopping lists, labels, invitations, thank you letters, emails to friends, postcards, birthday cards , diaries.

Homework

Your child is expected to read daily and learn weekly spellings. Your child also has access to Purple Mash and Education City. Please feel free to download the apps or log in any time.

Homework is set at the beginning of term with a selection of choices.



Phonics

- The government has decided that the children in year 2 will have to take the Phonics Screening Test that they missed in Year 1
- It will be in the second half of Autumn Term
- You can help by doing lots of reading with your child



SATs

- SATs will take place the week during May.
- Children will do a maths test (reasoning and arithmetic) and a reading test, involving comprehension questions.
- Writing and Science will be assessed by the teacher throughout the year.



ANY QUESTIONS?

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