

Year 2 Parents Meeting



Year 2 Team

Willow – Mrs Weinstein

Support Staff

Ms Lyon

Year 2 Curriculum

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. In Art we will make self-portraits and learn about famous artists. In DT, we will make bread rolls. We teach these in blocks for two weeks. The children will also have computing and music once a week. Swimming lessons are on a Tuesday please send a swim cap for those with long hair.

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.

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
- You can help by doing lots of reading with your child
- We have changed to a new scheme and should be sending home a log in to the ebooks



English - Reading

Sit with your child everyday and listen to them read their ebook. If they get stuck on a word sound it out to them. 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...?

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.

PE - Swimming

Swimming is a skill for life and a legal requirement.

Swimming is on Tuesday afternoons.

Children come to school in their normal uniform.

Swimming kit needs to be a waterproof bag.

Swimming costume

Towel

Goggles (if needed)

Swimming cap

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.



SATs

- SATs are no longer compulsory for Year 2 as of last year (2024-2025) schools but we will still use them as a form of assessment (all year groups in the school do something similar)
- You can access past papers from the internet they are still a useful tool to gauge how a child is doing



ANY QUESTIONS?

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