



Year 2 Meet the Teachers

# The Year 2 Team



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# Golden Rules

Across our school, we follow our Golden Rules, which are...

- ▶ We are honest.
- ▶ We are proud.
- ▶ We are respectful.
- ▶ We are kind.
- ▶ We are helpful.

# Our School Day

- ▶ Each day, we teach English, Maths, phonics and handwriting.
- ▶ Our afternoon lessons change depending on the day.
- ▶ We have a visual timetable to show the children what they will be doing each day, every morning we go through this.
- ▶ Good attendance ensures that your child experiences all the important sequences of learning we teach. By missing days of school, your child may find it harder to access the more demanding parts of the curriculum and will lose opportunities to practise key skills.
- ▶ Punctuality is also important because if your child is late, they will miss their daily handwriting lesson.

# Curriculum

- ▶ Our English lessons will have a text type focus, e.g. writing stories, writing instructions or writing a non-fiction piece. These lessons often be linked to a key book or text. We use HfL Plans as the basis of our planning.
- ▶ Maths lessons will follow Herts Essential Maths plans. Your children will be used to the language and resources used in these lessons as they have been following Essential Maths since Reception.
- ▶ Science lessons will be based on topics linked to the curriculum strands. For example, Animals including humans or plants. These will change every half term.
- ▶ History and Geography lessons will be taught based around a topic. We will alternate whether we teach a Geography or History topic every half term.
- ▶ Your child will have 2 PE lessons a week (days to be shared later in the presentation).
- ▶ Computing, PSHE, P4C, Music and Art or D&T lessons will take place weekly.

# Assessment

- ▶ The end of Key Stage 1 assessments (SATs) are no longer a statutory requirement for Year 2 children. Children in Year 2 will be assessed by their teachers throughout the year. Their attainment will be reported to parents at the end of the year.
- ▶ If your child did not pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1, they will retake in the summer term of this year. Your child will receive additional phonics support throughout the year.
- ▶ If your child did not reach the age-related expectations in Year 1, they will receive additional support to help them in Year 2. This support will look different for each child.

# Reading

- ▶ There are 3 types of reading book your child will take home each week.
- ▶ Guided reading books - this will come home on a Friday and be collected on a Wednesday. This will be a Little Wandle book that they have read 3 times already in school, supporting repeated reading (as in Year 1).
- ▶ Levelled reading book - this will come home on a Friday and be collected the following Friday. This is a book pitched at your child's reading level. Your child may not have read this book at school before. Please practise decoding unfamiliar words. Please send this book and their reading record to school every day.
- ▶ Library book - this book is for you and your child to enjoy together. They may not be able to read this book independently. Yellow Class library day - Tuesday. Green Class library day - Wednesday.
- ▶ If you could make any additional notes about their reading in their reading records, this would be extremely helpful. For example, not just writing that they have read, but if they struggled to read any particular words, if they enjoyed the book or if they could answer questions about what they have read.

# Phonics

- ▶ Phonics will be taught daily.
- ▶ We will be using Little Wandle Spelling which helps children with alternate spelling rules, grammar and punctuation rules.
- ▶ From the Spring Term, we will send weekly spellings home via MarvellousMe.
- ▶ In Year 2, the curriculum includes knowing different word types, like nouns, adjectives and adverbs; different types of punctuation such as exclamation and question marks and the spelling of common words. The teaching of spelling and grammar (SPaG) will be included as part of all lessons. Within phonics lessons, children will practise spelling common exception words and words which include the focus phonics sounds.



- Praise and Reward
- 'Thank you' and recognition
  - Smartcard stickers
  - Special reward stickers
  - Marvellous Me messages
  - 'You make me Proud'
  - 'Star of the Week'
  - Responsibilities in class
  - Headteacher Awards

# Behaviour



We have a curriculum for behaviour (just like we have one for Maths or PE). We teach and praise pro-social behaviours, such as being kind, sitting nicely, working hard, walking sensibly, following instructions and respecting property. This forms part of everyday life at school and includes modelling of behaviour, PSHE lessons, circle times, role play and workshops and an engaging and challenging curriculum.

We recognise that children may demonstrate unsocial behaviours. We aim to build strong, trusting relationships with children and work with them to reflect on their behaviour choices to ensure they are ready to continue learning.

# Zones of Regulation



- ▶ We acknowledge that children's feelings and emotions may affect their ability to learn.
- ▶ Children move their names to show how they are feeling at points throughout the day. They have a peg which they put on the colour that best shows how they feel.
- ▶ We teach the children to name their feelings and provide them with strategies to support each feeling.
- ▶ We have 'check in', 'check-up' and 'check out' sessions each week where we discuss our feelings.

# PE

- ▶ Year 2 PE will take place on a Tuesday and Friday (Yellow) and Wednesday and Friday (Green).
- ▶ On those days, children should come to school in their PE kit. This includes a red jumper/cardigan/fleece, plain white top, black bottoms and trainers. If your child comes to school without a plain white top or red jumper/cardigan/fleece, they will be asked to change into a spare kit.
- ▶ Please cover or remove your child's earrings on these days and ensure that long hair is tied back.

# Physical Activity

We value the importance of physical activity. We encourage an hour of daily physical activity through...

- ▶ Walk a mile
- ▶ Playtimes
- ▶ Lunchtimes
- ▶ Movement breaks
- ▶ PE lessons
- ▶ Challenges and competitions e.g. walk to school week, dance festival
- ▶ Being play buddies

# Marvellous Me

- ▶ Please ensure you are signed up to Marvellous Me.
- ▶ On the app, you can expect to receive updates about the learning your children have been doing, key achievements your child has made and important notices or reminders.
- ▶ If you interact with the message by ‘high fiving’ we can show your child that you have seen the message we have sent.
- ▶ If you need help signing up or have forgotten your login details please speak to your class teacher or contact the school office.



# Show and Tell

- ▶ Show and tell is continuing in Year 2. We have a list for this half term which you will have seen in your child's book bag. You will receive a new list each half term.
- ▶ We will ask for your child to bring in their Show and Tell on a Monday and they will have an opportunity to show this during that week. Where possible please try not to bring in toys but something else, maybe a souvenir from a trip or something linking to our topic that your child is happy to talk about.

# General Reminders

- ▶ Please bring fresh water each day for your child in a named bottle.
- ▶ Please name/label ALL of your child's belongings.
- ▶ We expect children to come to school in the appropriate uniform every day. Please note, your child may be asked to change into spare clothes if they are not in the correct uniform, this includes black shoes.
- ▶ We will be using our outdoor spaces in all weather, so please ensure you send your child in with a coat when needed.
- ▶ If someone else is collecting your child, please let the class teacher, or office know. They must be over 18. If there is going to be someone regularly collecting please just let us know and we can make a note.
- ▶ Please make sure you check your child's book bag each day for letters, accident slips or other communication.
- ▶ Each week we will choose a child for Star of the Week to recognise a child who has been working really hard, been a kind friend and followed our golden rules.

# Key Dates for your Diary

- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> October - School Photos
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm or 6pm information about maths and phonics at our school.
- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents evening
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> October - 9:15am Green Class Harvest Assembly 2:45pm- Yellow Class Harvest Assembly
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> November - School Disco 3:15-4:15pm
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> November - Come and see phonics 8:45am
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair 2:30-4pm
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Christmas Show 2:45pm
- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> December - Leavesden Community Hub Christmas Carol Concert 6pm
- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> January - Maths open classroom 2:45pm
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March- Parents evening
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> March - Science open classroom 2:45pm
- ▶ 28<sup>th</sup> April - Class photos
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> May - Art open gallery 2pm
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Show 2:30pm

Correct at time of  
presentation.



# Any Questions?

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

If you would like to speak to the class teacher on a one-to-one basis please call the office, who will be able to arrange a phone call for you or catch us at the end of the day when all children have gone home.

Please could we politely ask that you speak with us or the school office directly if there are any queries or issues.

We look forward to working with you this year.