

A Y2 Guide for Parents and Carers



We hope that this will provide you with some useful information about Year 2 over the coming year. We value and appreciate parental support and interest in the curriculum and in the children's learning.

Mrs Siggs and Ms Tuckett will be teaching in Year 2 this year, supported by Mrs Smith, Ms Thorne, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Iosson. (TAs).

Topic Work

We teach History, Geography and Science through broader overarching topics. Other subjects e.g. Art / Design Technology, P.E., Music, R.E. may also be incorporated. We will be continuing with Literacy and Maths as separate subjects, but making links with the topics wherever possible. ICT skills will be developed through its use as a tool in all areas of the curriculum. Each week there will be a dedicated session for 'Learning for Life' (L4L). During these sessions, children will develop the skills and attitudes they need to become life-long learners and active, responsible citizens.

When	Topic
Autumn	Great Fire of London
	Everyday Materials
	We are Britain
	Animals including humans - Meet The Creature
Spring	Famous For More Than 5 Minutes
	Living Things and their habitats
	Our School & Local Area
Summer	Oceans and continents
	Plants
	Whole school topic TBC

Proposed visits and events for 2019/2020

The costs are only a guide and are based on the previous year's prices. In order to spread the cost of the visits and expenses, it will be possible for parents to pay in instalments. This can be arranged by contacting Mrs Cooper in the office.

Autumn	Fire Brigade	Free
	Meet the Creature	£4.00
Spring	Florence Nightingale visit	£3.00
	Ecclesall Woods Trip	Free
Summer	School Camp night!	£6.00
	Sundown	£18.00

Other trips and visits may be undertaken during the year and we will be in contact with you closer to the event.

Indoor Footwear

Indoor PE shoes should be worn inside the classroom during the winter months. Please ensure your child's name is written inside both shoes.

Homework

Reading:

Regular reading with an adult is very important. We would recommend 5 - 10 minute sessions each day, including discussion about the book. **Please indicate in your child's reading record when they have read at home.**

Spelling:

Spelling tests take place every Monday morning. Correct spellings will be highlighted in pink in their spelling books and a new list will be provided for the following Monday's test. They should also be learning the Year 2 Common Exception Words which can found on the Year 2 blog.

Maths:

Maths homework will consist of 30 minutes Mathswizz on Tutor Mode per week. This can be done in short bursts. Please let us know if you cannot access the internet at home. By the end of Year 2, your child is expected to be able to rapidly recall all multiplication and division facts for the 2x, 5x and 10x tables in any order. We greatly appreciate your support in helping your child achieve this.

P.E and Games

If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please let us know. For indoor PE children should wear a white T-shirt and black shorts. For gymnastics and dance, footwear is not required, however we recommend plimsolls for indoor games activities. Long hair should be tied back. Earrings must not be worn in school in line with the school uniform policy. Outdoor games take place on either the playground or the field so a change of footwear, such as trainers is essential. Also a sweatshirt and jogging trousers are necessary during cold weather. Again, **all these items should be clearly named.**

In Year 2, PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays but please ensure your child has their kit in school at all times.

Parents' Evenings

As you may know, at Bradway we believe that good communication with parents is crucial if pupils are to achieve their potential at school. In response to feedback from parents, we have moved the 1st parents evening to the middle of the Autumn term, in order to provide more in-depth information about their progress, to discuss their wellbeing and how you can help them at home. Of course if you wish to meet us to discuss your child's needs at any time before this, you are always welcome to make an appointment.

An informal welcome meeting for all Year 2 parents is to be held on **Monday 16th September** in Y2 Mrs Siggs' classroom straight after school to introduce ourselves to you and to offer further information about life in Year 2. We hope to see you there.

Drop off and Pick up

In the morning, **please do not enter the Y2 cloakroom before school** but instead, take your child to the infant playground where they can line up with their class. Your child's teacher will collect the class when the bell rings. Please allow your child to walk round independently with their class as this helps them to settle into the school routine.

At home time, please collect your child from the Y2 area:

Y2S- from the practical area door near the gate.

Y2T - from the classroom door to the outside.

The Year 2 Team is looking forward to the new academic year and to working together with you and your child to help them enjoy their learning and achieve their best.

Class Facebook Groups / WhatsApp groups:

At the beginning of a new school year new group pages on Whatsapp and Facebook are often created. As a school we recognise and appreciate the benefits that these types of group pages can have. They are set up with the very best of intentions and are an excellent way to engage and communicate with other parents.

Please help us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff, parents and wider school community by being mindful of the following when participating in these groups:

- If you are posting on social media and it relates to the school, students or other parents, please check your facts, be considerate in the way in which you express things and avoid language that others might consider to be abusive, aggressive or threatening. In short, don't write anything you wouldn't be prepared for all to see
- Please **do not** refer to individual students, parents or staff on social media.
- Please do not post pictures or videos of other children or adults without seeking their permission to do so.
- If you have a significant concern about an aspect of school life, please talk to someone in school before posting on social media.
- If you have a specific complaint, please follow the school's Complaints Policy which is available on our school website.

It is not our intention to stifle debate or discourage parents expressing their views, but we do want to encourage and promote positive role models in both the digital world as well as the real world. We welcome any type of feedback and dialogue with our parents so that we can continue to improve and so that we can work together for our pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Senior Leadership Team

Help

We are always grateful to receive help in school so if you feel able to assist, please tick the areas and return the slip below to your child's class teacher.

Name of pupil		Class	
Reading with individual pupils		Art & Crafts	
Visits & Trips		Library	
Baking		Other	

Days & Times Available _____

Name: _____

