

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 Prestwich (TAs).

For updates and recent activities please follow us on Twitter @BradwayY2

Topic Work

We teach Art, History, Geography and Science through broader overarching topics. Other subjects e.g. 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. P4C is also taught as a standalone subject to develop the children's thinking skills. ICT skills will be developed through its use as a tool in all areas of the curriculum.

When	Topic
Autumn	Art and Sculpture
	Everyday Materials
	Design and Technology
Spring	The Great Fire of London
	Florence Nightingale
	Animals including humans
Summer	The countries of the UK
	Plants and habitats
	Oceans and continents
	Whole school topic TBC

Proposed visits and events for 2020/2021

Under current guidelines, we are, unfortunately unable to organise any educational trips. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will organise events and visits to enhance the curriculum when and where we can.

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:

Later in the year spelling tests will 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.

This year the Y2s will be taking a phonics screening test in the second half of the autumn term. This would normally have taken place in the summer term of Y1. Because of this, we will be focusing on phonics to support reading in the first term of Y2.

Maths:

Maths homework will consist of 30 minutes Maths Whizz 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.

In Year 2, PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. In line with the new school procedure – please send your child in their P.E. kit on the day of their lesson. This must be weather appropriate for **outdoors**. A light jacket or coat would also be preferable as we will be doing outdoor P.E. in all weathers. Appropriate sports shoes must also be worn.

Drop off and Pick up

In the morning, **please do not enter the Y2 cloakroom before school** but instead, take your child to the **junior playground** where they can line up with their class. Your child's teacher will collect the class at 8.45am. Please allow your child to walk round independently with their class as this helps them to settle into the school routine. Follow the one-way system to exit the school safely.

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.

Again, please follow the one-way system in place to avoid crowding.

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
