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Year 2 Newsletter 2025-26

A Warm welcome from the whole Year 2 team!

Welcome to all families of Year 2. We are looking forward to a year of developing as reflective, visible learners and having lots of fun along the way!

Year 2 Team:

2H Mrs Oliver (Year Leader)

2F Mrs Tate (AHT for Lower Phase)

2P Miss Bedel

2S Mrs Clark

HLTA Miss Asker (Pupil Premium and support across the whole of Year 1 and 2).

TAs: Mrs Benslimane (Mrs B) and Miss Ahmed who will work 1:1.

The Assistant Head for Lower Phase is Mrs Tate. If you have any questions or need to speak to a member of staff, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the issue needs further clarification, then please speak with Mrs Oliver or Mrs Tate. All staff can be contacted through emailing the school office.

Values

Our four core values are: respect, resilience, empathy and reflection. September's value of the month is tolerance. We are looking forward to seeing the children put the values into practice.

Learning Challenge Curriculum

Year 2's first Autumn Learning Challenge Driver is: **What did we learn from the Great Fire of London?** Throughout the year, details of our learning challenges can be found on the school website: Fielding Learning Challenge Curriculum

Dates for Your Diary

Parent consultation meetings between Monday 22nd and Monday 29th September 7:40-8:30am & 3:40-7:00pm. Booking will be available on MCAS soon. Diary dates can now be found on the school calendar

Sharing Assemblies

Each class across the school will be presenting one sharing assembly. All Year 2 sharing assemblies will be held on a Friday morning at 9am. Please see dates below:

2H 26th September

2F 3rd October

2P 10th October

2S 17th October

Gardening and Cooking

Year 2 will be taking part in termly Gardening and Cooking sessions. We would appreciate if you could contribute £13 annually. On G&C days, children will need to wear their own clothes (appropriate for gardening).

2H Monday 6th October

2F Wednesday 8th October

2P Thursday 9th October

2S Friday 10th October

Uniform

In Year 2 we expect to maintain a high level of uniform standards. We have weekly PE sessions on a Tuesday morning and children should come in their 'PE uniform'. Please click on the link below for guidance. Uniform

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Home Learning

This year, children will be given both spellings linked to the pattern taught that week and a selection of specific curriculum spellings. These words will then be used in a short dictation during the following week. These words can be found on the Year 2 Notice board here. Times tables Rockstars should also be used to help learn multiplication facts. Pupils will also receive NumBots logins. It is advised that they practise for 3-5 minutes 4-5 times a week. Children will also need to read 5 times per week.

Whole class reading

In Year 2, our focus will continue to be decoding using Phonics for some pupils. However, the majority of pupils will start whole class guided reading. Like KS2, families will be asked to buy a copy of the books. Pupils with a Pupil Premium Passport will be provided with a book from school. Please see the website for the books to be purchased.

Reading Records

Children will be coming home with reading books and a new Fielding Reading Record. Children should read to an adult as often as possible; the adult should sign the reading record to say this has been completed and add a comment if necessary. The teacher will take the record in once a week to check and sign. These should be brought into school daily. You can find the Year 2 recommended reading list in the reading record. Your child can receive a bronze, silver or gold certificate for reading 5, 10 or 15 books from this list and completing a reading response activity (these can be found on the Year 2 page on the website). Children will also be required to borrow two school reading books (including one from the recommended reading list) and must be returned once completed. In addition, teachers will be reading to the class during 'story time' every day throughout the year. The books will either be the current books from English lessons or from the recommended reading list.

Book bags

Due to limited peg space that we have to store children's personal belongings, please limit the number of additional items that are brought in. A backpack is not necessary as all required items can fit into the school book bag.

School Equipment

We provide stationery needed.

Snack boxes and water

Fruit is provided daily during Morning break times. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

School dinners

ISS are our school caterer. See our school dinners section of the website for more details: <u>School dinners</u>

Volunteering in school

If you would like to volunteer to help in school, look <u>here</u>.

FAQs about Fielding

Finally

We are looking forward to another happy and successful term. As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to arrange an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Kindest regards,

Year 2 Team