

'MEET THE TEACHER'

Welcome to Year 2

Mrs Lawford- Beech class
Miss Monk - Sycamore class

Other Adults in Year 2

Mrs Sullivan
Miss Pilot
Mrs Skinner
Miss Hassett

DAILY ROUTINE

- ◉ Children will be collected from the playground by their class teacher.
- ◉ Side door will remain open until 9.00am - anyone arriving after this time will need to go to the school office.
- ◉ Children to change reading book on arrival.
- ◉ Early morning work will take place until 9.00 am.
- ◉ Assembly at 9.05am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- ◉ Achievement assembly - Friday

END OF THE DAY

- ◉ Children will collect their home time things and line up at the door.
- ◉ Class teacher will walk children onto the lower playground.
- ◉ Parents to wait over the yellow line.
- ◉ Year 2 parents should wait in the center of the playground as Year 1 parents need to wait on the other side.
- ◉ Siblings should wait with parents rather than joining the line.
- ◉ No bikes or scooters to be used on school premises.

LITERACY

- ◉ Literacy is taught daily in a cross curricular context.
- ◉ Guided reading takes place everyday.
- ◉ Each group will complete a reading activity with the teacher at least once a week.
- ◉ This could be reading or a guided comprehension activity.
- ◉ Reading records will be collected at this time, signed and returned as soon as possible.
- ◉ Phonics will be taught daily. We will be revising phonemes from Year 1 and alternative spellings to begin with.

WRITING

- ◉ Children will be practicing cursive handwriting throughout the year.

Emphasis on

- ◉ Writing structured sentences that make sense.
- ◉ Using a range of punctuation correctly.
- ◉ Using a variety of connectives to give more detail.
- ◉ Using ambitious vocabulary - WOW words.

READING

- ◉ All children will keep a reading book in their tray which they are encouraged to read as often as possible.
- ◉ They will pick this book independently to promote reading for pleasure.
- ◉ Please aim to read a variety of materials at home and ensure plenty of discussion takes place.
- ◉ Please record any reading taken place at home in the reading record.
- ◉ Children are encouraged to independently choose a reading book to take home.
- ◉ This should be changed when the book is finished so for some this may not be everyday.

NUMERACY

- ◉ We are using the 'Inspire Maths' scheme to teach Numeracy.
- ◉ The children will learn through the CPA process:
 - ◉ Concrete (use of resources)
 - ◉ Pictorial (use of picture representations)
 - ◉ Abstract (more formal written calculations).
- ◉ There is a misconception that manipulatives are used to support those that find concepts tricky but this is not the case here.
- ◉ There is an expectation that everyone will be using manipulatives to further embed their knowledge and understanding.

NUMERACY

- Although the work is set high, there will be further challenges provided for those that require it.
- The challenges will ensure that children are able to use skills in a variety of contexts including problem solving.
- For those that find it tricky, the concrete and pictorial stages will be used until children are confident enough to move on to the complex written methods.

Thinking Skills

- We are working very hard as a whole school, to teach children to become life long, successful learners by giving them the skills to develop their thinking.
- We use our STAIRS to Success (**S**elf-confident, **T**enacious, **A**spiring, **I**ndependent, **R**esponsible, **S**ensible) to get children thinking about their thinking.
- We are also trying to get all children to be active, creative learners who can think outside the box and justify their thoughts.

PE

Tuesday pm - outdoor PE

Thursday pm - indoor PE

- ⦿ PE kit to be in school at all times please.
- ⦿ Hair to be tied back, particularly on these days.
- ⦿ Please provide earring tape or remove earrings on these days.
- ⦿ Name on clothes and outside of bags please.
- ⦿ Children need to have a tracksuit for PE outside. T-shirt and shorts for indoor PE.
- ⦿ Plimsolls can be worn for outside PE but trainers are also acceptable.

TOPICS

Term 1 - Oh the Places You'll Go

Term 2 - Pocahontas

Term 3 - Minibeasts

Term 4 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Term 5 - Great Fire of London

Term 6 - A Seaside Adventure

HOMework

- ◉ Homework will be set on a Friday for the following week.
- ◉ We will be checking that homework is complete on the following Thursday.
- ◉ We will be giving the children a small homework diary to inform you of their homework tasks.
- ◉ Ensure Reading Records are in school everyday.

HOMework

- The children will be given focus times tables and key spellings - sent home weekly; these should be practised at home and will be tested in school along with additional unseen words that follow the spelling pattern learnt.
- Literacy Planet - the children will be set online activities relating their spellings.
- Mathematics - the children will be set online activities.
- Learning Journey Challenge - the children will be set a task to complete throughout the term.
- It is suggested that reading is completed daily and children will have the opportunity to change their books when needed.

BEHAVIOUR

- ◉ We follow the School's Discipline Policy
- ◉ Traffic Light
- ◉ House points

- ◉ Other positive incentives include: Star of the Week, achievement certificates, writer of the week, class teddy.

SATS

- ◉ Do not worry!!!
- ◉ Children will undertake assessments papers in maths, reading and **grammar, punctuation and spelling**.
- ◉ Children's writing will be assessed by class teacher on an independent piece of writing.
- ◉ Pirate Week
- ◉ Children will be taken in small groups to complete 'special work'.
- ◉ Children will have seen similar material prior to the test in order to prepare them.

EXPECTATIONS

- ◉ Demands from the New Curriculum mean higher expectations from Year 2 children.
- ◉ This includes quantity of work produced during lessons.
- ◉ Independence - children are encouraged to do more for themselves such as changing reading book and looking after personal belongings.
- ◉ Role models for younger children
- ◉ Blue caps

THANK YOU

- ⦿ Thank you very much for coming.
- ⦿ Any questions?