



## Welcome to Year Two

**Class Teachers:** Miss Watkins and Mrs Hampton-Joyce

Welcome to Year Two, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

### Year Two Day

- School begins at 8.50am when the bell rings and ends at 3.15pm
- Morning playtime is 10.30am – 10.45am and afternoon playtime is 2.30pm – 2.45pm
- Children in Key Stage 1 (KS1) are provided with a healthy fruit snack at morning playtime
- Lunchtime is 12pm – 1 pm; the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a three-week rota

### Reading

- Children will have three books (one individual and one Guided Reading Book, which are both colour banded, and one library book that is free choice)
- Children will be given an opportunity to change their individual reading book during the week, but please do remind your child to change their book when they have finished
- Guided Reading will take place each week and a slip will be stuck into Reading Records to show the focus of the session - there is an opportunity to change individual books within these sessions
- We encourage you to comment in your child's Reading Record each time you read at home, which ever book this may be
- Any additional comments on reading strategies used and changes in book band will be signed by the Class Teacher

### Spellings

- In Year Two children will have daily Spelling sessions (following the No Nonsense Spelling programme) - spelling knowledge, conventions, patterns and rules are taught through these sessions
- At the beginning of each half term children will receive a list of 20 spellings, they will be tested in groups of 5 each Wednesday for the remaining of the half term
- At the beginning of the half term children will complete a 'pre-test' of all 20 spellings - this will then be repeated at the start of the next half term to see how many words have been remembered
- These spellings are made up of High Frequency words (words children encounter a lot and need to know how to spell), Common Exception words (words that don't always follow known spelling patterns) and statutory words for Year Two

### Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks independently, but can be supported when necessary
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teacher

## Home School Communication

- Your child's Class Teacher should always be your first point of contact
- The Year Two team are available at the Year Two door every morning and at home time
- Reading Records are to stay in your child's bag as a form of communication
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in November and March, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes

## Collection Arrangements

- Children should be collected from the Year Two door, when they see the adult collecting them they will be able to join you
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection
- Kids GB is available before and after school.

## Year 2 Highlights...

- Visit to The Sea life Centre
- Nativity
- Paper-making workshop
- Image Theatre Performance
- Big Sing at Wilmslow Leisure Centre
- Spring Sing
- Forest School
- Victorian visit



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