

Welcome to 2T

Many thanks to the families who were able to attend one of today's meetings. It was good to meet you and to have the opportunity to explain our expectations for the year ahead.

Meet the Year 2 Team.

Mrs M.Toal - Year 2 Teacher

Mrs W.Brett and Mrs P.Peter - Year 2 Teaching Assistants

Miss R.Ogden - Associate teacher

Mrs S.Shaw - our Music and Drama Teacher will continue to work with the class each week

Expectations

Children are expected to work hard and to the best of their ability. If children do not work to their expected standard, with the support available to them, they will have to complete or redo their work during playtime or Golden Time. If work is still not completed, it will be sent home to be completed and returned the following day. This is part of our whole school expectations.

Daily writing

Children will write on a daily basis. Our writing is built up throughout the week with comprehension tasks, grammar activities, spelling, planning, writing and editing. Children are also learning to use the correct joins in their handwriting and we are expecting to see them using these in their written work. As the year progresses and children become more confident with their handwriting, they may begin to use one of our new handwriting pens.

Reading books

The children will continue to bring home reading books as they did last year. Please ensure that reading books come to school every day. It gives us the opportunity to discuss the books with the children as well as providing a means of communicating with you about their reading at home. We ask that each child reads at home at least 3 times a week. Please sign the homework diary after reading with your child. If your child chooses to read to themselves at home instead of to an adult, please ask them about the text to check their understanding. As explained, while the children will bring a book home from school, if they choose to read something else at home, please record this in their reading log. If children have not managed to read 3 times during the week, we will allocate 10 minutes of Golden Time for them to complete their reading.

Homework

This will be set each Thursday and should be completed and returned by Tuesday each week. Please sign the homework diary to show you are satisfied that the work has been completed to a pleasing standard. Again, your comments are welcome. Homework will be monitored on a weekly basis by a member of the Year 2 team. Children are expected to hand in homework on time.

'Fast 5s' and 'Super 7s'

Please support your child in learning weekly spellings. During the year, as in Year 1, children will bring home key words from the Year 1 and 2 National Curriculum spelling list. These need to be secure by the end of year 2. Children will also bring home spellings linked to our spelling programme on a regular basis. This will support our work in school. Spelling homework tasks are in addition to the ordinary weekly homework and will help the children immensely with their written work.



Times tables

We will be concentrating on 2x, 5x and 10x tables throughout this year and it is very important that children learn them and can recall them with confidence. We ask that you continue to help the children learn and develop their understanding.

Key Stage 1 SATS

These will take place in the Summer Term, usually in the week following the KS2 SATs. Children will be familiar with the layout and wording of the questions as we will use example questions and previous papers as part of our lessons and homework tasks throughout the year.

SPTO Behaviour plug-ins

These are currently being set up on SPTO. Use your login to access this new addition to SPTO. This will allow you to view any behaviours worthy of note (hopefully positive ones!)

PE kits (pumps, shorts and T shirt) should stay in school during each half term and will be sent home each holiday. Please ensure that all belongings are clearly named. Should you wish to send in a pair of trainers and black tracksuit bottoms, for our outdoor work, this is fine as long as they are clearly labelled.

eSafety

Please use the ThinkUKnow website for information and guidance on eSafety in your home. Do you know what your child is doing on their laptop/XBox/phone/iPad/iPod Touch (any device that can access the internet)? Are they accessing games/videos/websites/social networking sites that are inappropriate for their age?

Meet and Greet

A member of staff will be on each playground at 8:40am in the morning. The gates will be locked at 8:55am (for safeguarding reasons) and any late arrivals must report to the main reception and be signed in. It is really important that your child arrives at school on time each day. The first learning activity commences at 8.55. This is our daily maths session. Children arriving after this time will have to wait in Reception with their parents/carers until 9.10am, to avoid disruption for the other children. They will then have to complete the work they missed in Golden time, Stacey time or break.

Class webpage

Please check our webpage. You will find all you need to know about the Year 2 curriculum. The class page is updated weekly with general information and homework tasks. All newsletters and school information will only be accessible via the website.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle in daily and that it contains just plain water (no squash or flavoured water). We are unable to provide cups so a water bottle is essential.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to myself or a member of the Year 2 Team.