

## **What to expect in Year 2**

### **Homework**

- Reading- children are expected to read at home as often as possible (at least 4 times per week). Reading should be noted in Homework Planners and one of these reading activities will have a comprehension focus. Children will be expected to change their reading books independently when they have finished reading their book.
- English homework is sent out Friday and due on Wednesday.
- Spellings lists for the half term will be sent out at the beginning of each half term. Children will be tested on Tuesdays.
- 'Maths in Minutes' is sent home Monday-Thursday. This is intended as no more than 5-10 minutes problem solving which children will follow up in class the following day.
- Times Table Rockstars - complete a minimum of 30 mins per week at home.

### **Communication**

- Teachers are available at classroom doors at the end of the day. The headteacher and office staff are available in the morning so brief messages can be passed over. Anything beyond a brief message can be discussed through a meeting with the teacher, which can be set up through the school office.
- Homework Planners will be checked by teachers daily.
- Parents/Carers can call or email teachers via the school office. The teacher will respond by the end of the following school day. If not, the office will inform a response will take longer and/or arrange another member of staff to call back.
- Please inform the class teacher via the planner or the school office if your child is being picked up by somebody they don't go home with ie. another parent. Passwords will be used to allow pupils to go with another adult.
- Children in Year 2 will have a scheduled morning and lunch break. In the afternoon the teacher may take their own class out for a short break depending on the timetabled lessons.

### **Academic expectations for the year**

- Homework Planners provide National Curriculum objectives in English and Maths as well as the statutory spelling list. Curriculum information is provided on the school website. Termly overviews are sent to parent/carers via Parent email prior to the start of the topics and these are also found on the school website.

### **Changes from previous year**

- The children will have class assemblies Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is a singing assembly and Friday is a celebration assembly.

### **Tests/Assessments**

- Children will have a weekly spelling test on a Tuesday.

- Children have their end of KS1 SATS during May 2023. Throughout the year, children will undertake half term assessments. These will form part of the school's assessment.
- Children who failed the Phonics Screen in June 2022 will retake the Y1 Phonics Screen Test in June 2023.
- Children have their end of KS1 SATS during May 23. Throughout the year, children will undertake practice SATS. These will not only form part of the school's assessment, but will ensure children feel as comfortable as possible approaching them.

### **How parents can support pupils**

- Children of all ages are encouraged to read aloud to someone at home. This not only increases reading fluency and speed, but can generate discussions about the text and unknown vocabulary, which will further reinforce your child's understanding.

### **Additional Information**

- PE kit is to be brought in on Monday and will be sent home on Friday for washing.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day as they are encouraged to access water throughout the day. NO juice please (unless this is with their packed lunch).

### **Start/End of the school day**

- All children will have the same start time and collection time next year. The Year 2 entrance window is 0835-0845 and the collection is 1515.