

Year 2 Yellow Class News - Autumn 2024

Welcome to Year 2, it has been lovely to get to know your children in this last week. They have come back into school so confidently and working really hard already!

We have lots of exciting learning this term which I am sure the children will really enjoy. The topic web lays out the different subjects we shall be learning about in more detail but we have learning about animals and how they grow, Florence Nightingale, new skills to learn in Art, Design and Technology and Computing to look forward to. We have already started our new book, Boa's Bad Birthday, which the children are enjoying.

Year 2 can be a big step up for the children so we try to use a gradual approach to help children build their stamina for learning and get them ready for the challenges of Key Stage 2. Setting class routines really help children feel comfortable as they do like to know what they are doing. Coming into school promptly really helps children settle as they have time to chat and catch up with their friends and teachers before learning starts.

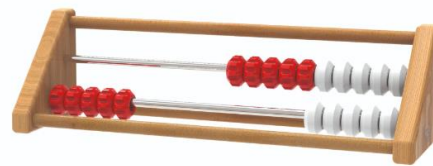
Children need to come into school by themselves saying goodbye to parents at the gates. There are staff on both gates to take messages and help the children come in if they find transitions hard, sometimes waiting to walk in with a friend helps. It is important to start developing their independence this year, so get them to pack their bag and make sure they have everything they need each day. I have added a list of things they need each day to the end of this letter to help them get organised.

Reading will continue with Little Wandle eBooks which the children will read three times at home. Children will have read the book at school, building their fluency, expression and comprehension. This reading will embed the knowledge taught at school and should be a quick five-to-ten minute read. The children will also take home a quality real book, which they will share with you, from the class library. This will help foster their love of reading and is a chance to enjoy a quiet time together. These books may need to be read to them but should have elements where they can join in. Once your child has secured the skills for reading with their phonics decoding, they will take home a structured reading book which they can read to you. Year 2 is the year where this transition often happens so some children will have electronic books and others will take books home. They have a reading diary to fill in with the books they take home. They can change these whenever they have finished and I have encouraged the children to write in their new book.

Every day we have a learning session called 'Mastering Number'. This helps build number knowledge which is a really important foundation for their future maths learning.



This chart shows the addition facts the children need to know and they also will need to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Maths Shed have lots of games which help them learn. We are also continuing to taking part in a nationwide scheme to help build number knowledge using a Rekenrek which will really help them learn these vital facts.



We have class fruit available everyday but the children are welcome to bring their own in if they wish. Fresh fruit is a great snack as some of the 'fruit winders' etc... actually have a really high sugar content and are heavily processed. Plain crackers or rice cakes are suitable if they need a little bit more but we always have plenty of fruit at school. The children choose their lunch everyday, please let me know if you would rather they didn't choose sandwiches or jacket potatoes, we always consider these good options if they don't like the main meal that day but sometimes they can choose them too much. Please make sure the children only have water at school, they often spill it on the carpet and water is easy to clear up. We have a cold filter tap for them to refill their bottles if they need to.

I am always available after school for a quick chat if you need to talk about anything. Class Dojo is a great way to message me too especially if you have a message in the morning. Please make sure you regularly check Dojo; not just to see what the children have been up to, but also to be able to receive important information about what is happening in class.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and your children in the coming year.

Kind Regards, Mrs Sarah Marshall

Monday	Drinks bottle, Book Bag	
Tuesday	Drinks bottle, Book Bag	Forest School Kit (I will message on Dojo if it is cancelled)
Wednesday	Drinks bottle, Book Bag	
Thursday	Drinks bottle, Book Bag	
Friday	Drinks bottle, Book Bag	PE Kit