

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am really looking forward to teaching your children next year and here are a few pointers to ensure everything gets off to a smooth start. 😊

Staff in Year 2

- Miss Todd (Class Teacher)
- Mr Turner (Class Teacher on a Tuesday)
- Mrs Sweeney (Teaching Assistant)

PE in Year 2

The children will be doing PE on a Monday and a Wednesday. We start PE in Year 2 with dance and fitness. We aim to be active for at least 30 minutes every day so as well as our PE lessons we complete the trim trail and a 'Daily Mile' where possible. We also use BBC Super Movers to keep us active and help the children with their learning.

Phonics, Spelling and Grammar in Year 2

At the beginning of Year 2 we will review phonics learning and prepare phonics intervention sessions for those children who need further support with their phonics.

We will all complete the Jolly Grammar programme. Jolly Grammar involves the systematic teaching of spelling, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary. We will cover:

- Spelling Rules
- Punctuation
- Word families
- Parts of speech
- Dictionary use
- The tenses: past, present and future

Reading in Year 2

We listen to the children read on a 1:1 basis as often as possible in Year 2. The children will also take part in whole-class reading sessions every day throughout the week. 'VIPERS' helps us to cover the key comprehension skills needed to become good readers.

I cannot stress enough how important reading at home is in helping your child to make progress with their reading skills. Ideally your child should be reading to an adult out loud for 10 minutes every day. This is true for confident readers too. Every Wednesday your child will have their reading books changed. Please ensure their red reading record is in school on a Wednesday and please ensure

it is signed. We will not change books if the record has not been signed. If your child happens to finish the books before Wednesday, we very much encourage re-reading the text for fluency. I can also provide book review and reading comprehension worksheets for them to complete should they wish too.

We love to read notes about any discussions you may have had with your child about the school books they have read. Of course, your child may be really enjoying a book you have at home – we would love to hear about that too.

English in KS1

We have English lessons every day in Year 2 on top of our Jolly Grammar sessions. We learn how to write a variety of text types in which we try to incorporate all our learning in Jolly Grammar. At the beginning of Year 2, we focus on checking that the children can punctuate simple sentences with capital letters and full-stops and we appreciate any help at home with this if the children happen to be writing! We also have separate handwriting lessons. The children learn how to start joining their letters only once I am confident they can form all of them correctly. I have included further information on writing expectations in the pack.

Maths in Year 2

Maths lessons happen every day in school and include activities to support children's fluency, problem-solving and reasoning skills. We use White Rose Maths resources in our lessons.

By the end of Year 2 the children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will start practising these tables right from the beginning of the year and the children will be given a mini times table test every Wednesday. The children will be encouraged to use Times Tables Rock Stars to learn their tables and we appreciate your support at home with this.

Other Maths objectives which require/are helpful to practise at home include: *knowing number bonds to 10 and 20; counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s; telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and counting and using coins*. There are a huge number of resources online to support the learning of mathematical skills. One website is: www.topmarks.co.uk which has a huge variety of games to support many areas of the Maths curriculum. Games such as 'Hit the Button' help children to increase the speed at which they can recall number facts.

Topic

We cover lots of exciting topics in Year 2. Our first topic is, 'The Great Fire of London'. I have included a topic map for this in your packs. We welcome any knowledge/books/photos etc. from home to help support our learning in school.

Homework in Year 2

Every Wednesday your child will be given homework. It should be returned the following Wednesday. This homework will include a times table activity and six spellings to learn plus another 2 spellings chosen by your child based on their knowledge of common exception words. The children will have a times table test on a Wednesday and a spelling test. Those children who regularly score less than 4 on this test will be provided with some support in school and we will consider a plan moving forward.

Home school contact

I really value your support and want to ensure that communication between home and school is strong. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a query or concern. Our class email is: year2@chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk
Please also make sure you are subscribed to the Year 2 Parent Hub channel.

Many thanks,

Miss Todd