



Welcome to
Year Two!



Dearand Family,

I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 2!

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer!

Transition from Year 1 to Year 2

My aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Year One into Year Two. The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 1. The children will build up more formal ways of learning as the year goes on. We work very hard in Year Two but still have fun whilst doing so, so that the children remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries. You can of course telephone or e-mail me too.

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Reading in Year 2...

Your child will have been given a book and a reading diary to bring home and will be heard read both independently (most weeks) and as part of a group (Guided Reading) every week. Books will be changed when they have read at home and a comment is made in their diary. Books can be changed as frequently as you like! They will need to keep their reading diary and books in their book bags to bring to school every day.



Table of the week...

At the end of each week a table is awarded a table of the week sticker. This achievement rewards the table that has worked well as a team, has followed class rules successfully and has worked well at their activities.



General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE on Fridays** (all afternoon). Please ensure your child has **both** their indoor and outdoor PE kits in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check bags each morning for slips, letters, reading books etc and hand them to me.
- The children are encouraged to bring a water bottle (sports cap) to keep in school, which they can access throughout the day and will be able to refill their bottle if required. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- Children are still able to have fruit at first break in the morning (provided by the school), but if they prefer can bring their own healthy snack to eat (placing it in their tray first thing in the morning).
- A plea - could all items of clothing and lunch boxes be named please - it makes home time a lot easier!!
- Throughout their time in Year Two, the children will be telling me when they complete a piece of work that they are really proud of. I will then photograph this and send to you via e-mail. If you are happy for this to happen please e-mail me on the address referred to previously to let me know!
- Finally, there will be a chance to go through this information face-to-face on September 11th after school. If you cannot make this meeting do not worry, as handouts will be sent home to those who are unable to attend.

Many Thanks,

Rebecca McCarthy

We're Going Back To School

