

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all well and that you have had a good summer.

Welcome back!

I am sure your child will have told you all about their days already but here is a bit more information about life in Year 2.

It was great to see all of the children again; we were so pleased to see how eager they were on their first few days . We are sure that your children will enjoy the new challenges and opportunities that Year 2 has to offer.

You will find more information on our class page on the school website which can be found by clicking the **Children** tab → **Class Pages** → then **Year 2**. We will be updating the class pages as regularly as possible to keep you informed. We will add photographs of the children enjoying special activities and events. We are also going to continue using 'seesaw' as a way of communicating. We will send text messages for the really important things aswell.

Who we are!

Here is the Year 2 team

Left to Right



Mrs Sture, Ms Hutchinson, Mrs Smith and Mrs Davies

2S teacher

2H teacher

TA

TA

Drop off and pick ups

- Just a reminder for school drop off (8.55am) and pick up (3.25pm), the children will be brought in/collected from their specific line in the playground. These are the two lines nearest to back door on the KS1 playground.
- At the end of the day, the children will line up with their class teacher. The children must remain in the line until your child has told the teacher they can see the adult picking them up. At this point we will allow the child to greet you. Please do not call your child over to you as we want the children to line up safely. It is important that we know all of the children have safely reached their adult.
- If there is a change to who is collecting your child, outside of their normal routine, please phone the office to let us know. For example, if your child usually goes to an afterschool club or childcare provider on the same day every week, but is going to a friend's house one week instead. Please also let the provider of the club know separately to avoid any possible confusion.

This half term P.E will be on a Monday and a Tuesday . We would like the children to come to school in their P.E Kit on those days (This will change to Monday and Thursday after half term)

What we are learning

- Our topics this term are Space and The Great Fire of London. This year we are planning to perform our space songs and for the children to enjoy a Planetarium experience. We aim to cover these topics through a cross curricular approach in a fun and engaging way. Future terms topics include: The Victorians, Pirates, Fairy Tales and Australia.
- Children will be taught Supersonic phonics on a daily basis. This will include reading sounds and revising previous graphemes, along with introducing new ones. We will also apply their phonic knowledge to spelling and handwriting.
- Reading-We will do a teacher led whole class guided read every week. Children who still need support will get additional daily reading and phonics. This is a new, improved approach to reading at Lady Bay. In addition to this there will be daily reading time/activities. The children will still have book bands to follow but we will re-assess these half termly. You may find that your child does not move through the book bands at the same rate as previous years because there is a heavier emphasis on comprehension at the higher levels (literal and inferential). The children will get the chance to change their book during the week. Please can you try and read at least 4 times a week and write an entry of this in their school reading diary. The children are presented with a certificate and entered into a prize draw for all those that read 4 times a week. This can include online books (Oxford Owls) and any suitable reading material from home. They will need their book bags and reading diaries in school every day. Please take time to always look through your child's diary as there are several pages , towards the back, that may help you and your child at home with maths, phonics and English.
- In Y2, reading diaries are the best way to communicate with the teacher/TA . Diaries are collected in and checked each day, so if you write a message for us about any concern or question you may have, we will see it and respond with a written message , phone call etc . We can now see you in the playground, briefly in the morning or after school too!
- Children will be given 1 piece of homework a week. This will be stuck into their homework book and will enrich or reinforce what we have been doing at school. Homework will go out on a Friday and we would like it back in school by the following Wednesday so that it can be marked. Their first homework will be to cover their homework book with wrapping paper/decorated paper. Can it be covered with sticky back plastic so it will last the year!

Rewards and Behaviour

- Rewards in Y2 involve individual dragons gold tokens for positive behaviour and good work. We will also continue be rewarding children with class points which will lead to a class treat. We will still continue to hold weekly Dragon Assemblies for achievement in school and positive behaviour.

- Sanctions-If children are behaving inappropriately, we shall follow the revised school behaviour policy. You will always be informed with a letter if a child has had to have 'Reflection Time' .
(This is very rare in Y2 !)
- If your child achieves an award from a club out of school they are welcome to bring it in and we will give the child a chance to share it in our Friday Assembly.We love to see what the children do out of school.
- In Y2 we don't have a show and tell rota . If children have any topic related items they are welcome to bring those in to share with the class.
- Children in Year 2 will be sitting end of Year non statutory Assessments (SATs).It is extremely low key and nothing to worry about. We do not tell the children they are 'SATS' as they are used to assessments throughout the year anyway.
- Due to space restrictions, new table layouts and limited space around the classroom, we cannot allow any backpacks in school. Your child only needs a book bag (to be kept in their box) and a clearly labelled water bottle. Each child now has their own box just outside the classroom where everything can be kept. We will be outside for playtime/P.E in all weathers so please ensure your child has a suitable WATERPROOF coat at all times. They will be in the rain during OPAL play every lunchtime.
- The trips we go on in Y2 are :The Pantomime, Pirate day at Beaumanor Hall and a summer end of term trip to Sundown Adventure Park.

We are really excited about the year and would like to thank you for all for your support in advance.

Thanks

Year 2 team.