

## Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parent/Carer

We have put together lots of information about Year 2. It includes an overview of the learning we will be engaged in this term, some key things to remember and some ideas for things to do at home to support learning in school.

### Year 2 Staff

Mrs Pearmain teaches in Oak class Monday to Thursday.  
Miss Odedra will teach in Oak class on Fridays.  
Miss Fidler teaches Ash class all week.

Miss Manning supports in Oak class all week and Mrs Carty supports in Ash class.  
Miss Banner will support across both Year 2 classes.  
Miss McGinn, Miss Smith and Mrs Kaye will also be working in Year 2.



### Things to remember

Year 2 doors open at 8.40 each day and the register is taken at 9am.  
Each day we have a morning task to complete to get us ready for the busy day ahead. School finishes at 3pm each day.  
We need to bring our book bags to school each day so that we can be read with and have our books changed.  
PE day is Tuesdays, we keep our PE kit in school so that we are always ready for the lesson.  
On Fridays we have our special Learning Champion assembly where we celebrate our achievements in school.

### Homework tasks and fun activities

We need to try hard to read our reading books as much as possible at home and bring them to school each day so that we can have our books changed. We also have a weekly visit to the library in our classes so that we can choose some of the super books that are in there!

Reading at home means earning Dojo's!

You can still use your NumBots login at home to play Maths games and your Bug Club login to read books interactively all of this will help your learning in Year 2.

<https://numbots.com/>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

If you make anything at home that links to our class topics please bring it in to school so that we can share our learning! It is super to see what you have been learning about at home that links to what we have been doing in school!

<b>Learning in School</b>	
<b>English</b>	We will be reading some super stories in our first term in Year 2. Supertato, The Enormous Turnip and Oliver's fruit salad are just some of the texts. Our tasks will be to write letters, instructions and stories so we will need to be using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! Every afternoon we will be practicing our handwriting in class.
<b>Phonics</b>	Year 2 will be in groups for Phonics, we have a lesson each day and it is the first lesson of the day. At Knowleswood we follow the Read, Write Inc Phonics and Spelling program. You can look at this online: <a href="https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/">https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/</a>
<b>Maths</b>	Year 2 focus on place value and addition and subtraction in the first term we also look at money. We need to know the value of each number in 2 and 3 digit numbers. Then we can use this information when we are adding and subtracting numbers.
<b>Science</b>	The first topic we look at is Healthy Me and then Materials Monster. In the first half term we will look at how we take care of our bodies and minds and make healthy choices to keep us as super healthy as we can be! Next half term we will be investigating different materials and their properties.
<b>PSHE</b>	Me and my relationships is our first PSHE topic as we move into our new Year group followed by Valuing differences. PSHE lessons give us lots of opportunities for sharing and talking. We follow the SCARF scheme for our PSHE learning. <a href="https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/">https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/</a>
<b>Art</b>	We will be producing some super Art work around the subject of seasons using paints, pastels and crayons to depict the changing seasons. This will link to our Geography work about the changing Seasons too.
<b>Music</b>	Year 2 will cover Music this first half term through lots of singing both in class and in our assemblies. We will learn lots of new songs and practice some of the school songs that we already know. We use the Music Express program at Knowleswood to develop our skills in singing and using instruments.
<b>Geography</b>	Seasons will be our very first Year 2 Geography topic. We will be researching the weather and making predictions about the different types of weather. I hope you are ready to be meteorologists!
<b>History</b>	History will be next half term where we will be researching what happened on Bonfire Night and finding out about the Great fire of London.
<b>DT</b>	In DT our topic is Mechanisms. We will be linking this to History and the buildings that were in London at the time of the Great Fire.
<b>Computing</b>	The computing scheme that we use at Knowleswood is called icompute. The first topic we will be looking at is called iAnimate, we will look at how stop frame animation is made. Throughout our topics we always look at and talk about how we keep safe when we are using ipads and laptops.
<b>PE</b>	We will be playing lots of invasion games in PE such as football. This will keep us super fit and healthy and help us to develop lots of different skills that we can use throughout the year. Our second topic for the term is Gymnastics which will help to get us moving and developing our flexibility skills!
<b>RE</b>	The first religion that we will look at is Christianity. We will be finding out about what Jesus taught and what the gospels are and what they mean to Christians. Our key question for the half term will be 'is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?' This will give us lots to think and talk about in our weekly RE lessons. After half term we will look at the Christmas story and what it means to Christians.

<b>Key Dates</b>
<p>The first week back in September is Friendship and Wellbeing week.</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Hello Yellow Day</p> <p>The week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> October will be 'we have a dream' week in school</p> <p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Flu Nasal Vaccine</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Break up for half term</p> <p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – School reopens</p>

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Break up for Christmas holiday  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – School reopens