



Year Two



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 2! The children have settled really well and we are already busy with our learning.

PE

We will be having PE lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays. The children will need to take their earrings out and have their hair tied back. The PE kit can stay in school all term.

Clothing

Please make sure that every item of clothing is named. Uniform can be expensive and we try hard to find missing pieces, but this is a lot easier when everything is named. Please check the clothing regularly in case the name has washed out.

Forest Schools

The children will be using the woods each week to develop their confidence and understanding of nature. It's a brilliant resource and we are very lucky to have it. With this in mind, it would be great if the children could leave some wellies and spare clothes in school. Again, please make sure that everything is named.

Homework

This term, the children will have a Brain Builder topic project to work on. Look out for their Brain Builder book with further information. Please see the table below for further information about homework that will be sent home on Mondays.

Homework	Explanation	Due in
Spellings	There will be 11 spellings linked to our phonics learning and the Year 2 word list.	The children will be tested on these on Mondays.
Beat that clic test	This is a mental maths sheet for the children to practice their mental maths skills.	The children will be tested on Fridays.
Grammar	A book will be sent home with one or two grammar questions for them to try at home.	This needs to be handed in on Fridays
Reading	The children will take a reading book home regularly to read at home.	Please return the book when it needs changing.

We look forward to working with you.

Mrs Rawling, Mr Holmes, Miss Cantrell and Mrs Manvell



The Circus is Coming to Town



English

This term we will be using Olivia Saves the Circus as our Talk for Writing text and Claude in the City as our Power of Reading text. We have incorporated our grammar learning into our texts and will be securing capital letters, full stops, exclamation and question marks as well as using coordinating (or, and, but) and subordinating (when, if, that, because) conjunctions. We will also be exploring expanded noun phrases and suffixes. In handwriting, we will begin to join our words.

Maths

Our first Maths unit is Pattern Sniffing. We will be investigating number sequences and using the numicon to make number patterns. During Investigating Number Systems, we will be securing place value with tens and ones. Towards the end of term, we will be Solving Calculation Problems involving the four operations. During our Snappy Maths sessions of quick mental recall, we will be securing number bonds and chanting in 2s and 10s.

Science

We will be testing different materials to see if they are waterproof for a circus tent and suitable for the costumes. We will explore forces through pushes and pulls in the circus acts.

Phonics & Spelling

Our phonics and spelling sessions link together this term and we will be consolidating phase 5 graphemes. We will also be looking at alternative graphemes and homophones.

History

We will find out what circuses were like in the past and create fact files on some famous circus acts. We will explore how circuses have changed over the years.

Geography

We will learn how to draw maps and use a key for our own circus plans. We will be using maps to find out about the countries some circus animals come from.

Art & DT

We will be finding out how to draw facial expressions and using collages to explore the work of artists who have painted pictures about the circus.

Music

We will be learning our new school song this term and also using the Kindermusik Giggles unit to explore humour in music.

PE

Ryan from Premier Sports will be coaching the children this term and developing their sending and receiving skills.

Computing

We have just had some new ICT equipment installed and we will be learning about how to stay safe online in our e-safety topic.

Forest Schools

We will be exploring art, colours and materials in the woods.

RE

We will be learning about the Jewish home, Sukkot and important stories.

Events

On Friday 16th September, the children will be having a circus skills workshop. Ask them about their new skills!