

Welcome to Year 2!

Owls

and

Woodpeckers





Welcome to Year 2 and we are so sorry we couldn't get to meet you in person. In this presentation we have tried to answer some of the questions you may have about Year 2. Please feel free to contact us* if you have any additional queries.

We are really looking forward to teaching your children this year and we have some exciting topics to look forward to!



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Put FAO year 2 in the subject

Who's who?



**Mrs Bodycote
in the
Woodpeckers.**



**Mr Panting
in the Owls.**

Our support staff:

**Mrs Kakar
Mrs Mehta**



What we hope for this year

Your child will...

- ★ make new friends.
- ★ become more independent.
- ★ work with others as a team.
- ★ become more responsible.
- ★ continue to develop a resilient attitude.



And have fun!!



Weekly routine



Morning drop off

Unless you are told otherwise in an update please drop off your child at the year 2 doors (under the canopy next to the water fountain) at 8.50am.

Collection

Children will be collected at 3.15pm in the same place. We will not let children go until we have seen you so if they spot you first encourage them to tell their teacher before coming over to you. If they are to be collected by someone different please inform the school office in advance. (office@brookside.leics.sch.uk or 0116 271 3680).

Water bottles

It is really important to stay hydrated at school! There are water fountains available (although they are out of action presently due to safety restrictions), but the best way to have water in school is to bring in a clearly labelled water bottle which will be kept near the children in the classrooms.



Weekly routine



PE kit

Ensure PE kit is always available in school (especially Mondays!) and is in a clearly labelled drawstring bag. PE kit is the same as year 1, although we may request trainers for outdoor PE or going on the field in good weather.

Swimming (the pool is currently closed due to COVID but we will notify you as soon as we are able to swim again).

The year 2 swimming day is normally Tuesday. We currently swim two out of the three terms in short blocks of 5 or 6 weekly lessons. You will receive an email in advance to let you know the specific dates of lessons (one class will swim for one half term, and then we will swap). Please make sure that children have full swimming kit, including a swimming hat and do not have any jewellery in/on. Children without kit or with jewellery that they can't remove themselves will not be able to swim that week.



Weekly routine



A sample year 2 timetable for a week. This may change slightly if necessary.

YEAR 2	9:15am	9:30-10:30am		10:50-11:40am	12:00-1:10	1:15-3:15pm		
Monday	Maths		Start and bean assembly	English	LUNCH TIME	Computing	PE indoors (Aut 1 with DB)	
Tuesday	Maths		Guided Reading	English		PE indoors (Aut 1 with DB)	Computing	
Wednesday	Key Stage 1 Assembly 9:15-9:30	Maths	Guided Reading	English		Swimming Autumn/Spring term (Topic in Summer)	Grammar	Topic
Thursday	Maths	9:45-10:15 KS1 Singing	Guided Reading	English		Topic/Science	Outdoor PE slot (Summer term PE with DB)	
Friday	Celebration Assembly	Maths	Guided Reading	English		Outdoor PE slot (Summer term PE with DB)	Topic/Science	
						RE	Music/Jigsaw (alt wks)	

Morning registration, handwashing and Monday/Friday change reading books

MORNING PLAYTIME

Phonics 10:50-11:00am (Friday Spelling)



Reading



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Book band colour
progression



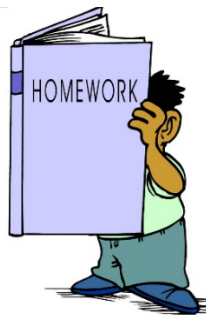
- We will read with children at school as much as we are able to either one to one with an adult or in group reading sessions. Reading also plays a big part of all of our lessons and we will do whole class reading activities.

- Children's books will be changed weekly and they will be given sufficient books to last them the week (the number of books will depend on their progress in reading, the amount of reading they are doing at home and the length of the books).



Homework

My choice and grammar are sent home on Fridays alternating weeks - one week my choice, one week grammar - and you get two weekends to complete the homework. Homework is collected in on the 2nd Monday after it is given out.



Spellings will be sent out weekly and will start after October half term.



We have three different homework books in year 2:

- **My choice** is based on our topic work and has a small selection of activities to choose from. Please make sure your child does at least one of the activities (but you don't have to do them all - unless you want to!!).

- **Grammar/Phonics** covers our grammar curriculum through the year and is also occasionally topped up with any phonics that we feel the children need.

- **Maths** - this is new for this year and will follow through our maths curriculum. We will give more details when we are ready to.



Parent involvement

- Read as much as you can with your child and ask questions about what they are reading.
- Practise spellings.
- Help your child with their homework.
- Visit the library
- Year 2 LOVE winning the attendance bear so please help us by making sure your child is punctual and their attendance is good.





Topics



Me, Myself and I

Learning all about ourselves and healthy bodies.

Panic on Pudding Lane

The Great Fire of London from the point of view of one of our country's most famous diary writers.

Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Exploring and understanding British Wildlife.

Now you see me, now you don't

Finding out about extinct and endangered animals.

Turrets and Tiaras

All about castles from the point of view of the people who called them home.



SATs and assessment

There will be assessment of the children at the end of year 2. As these assessments were cancelled this academic year and we are currently unsure of what will happen next year. We will host an information session for parents when we have more information.



Ongoing teacher assessment in reading, writing and maths will continue as normal to allow us to monitor your child's progress and to add additional support if needed.





We hope we have answered most of your questions about your child's transition into year 2.

We are really looking forward to teaching your children next year and working with you to ensure your child reaches their potential.

Happy holidays!

Mr Panting and Mrs Bodycote



