

Welcome to Year 2!

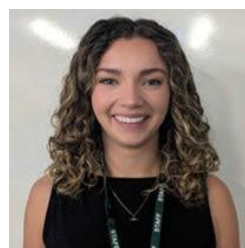
Welcome back to Year 2! We hope you all had a lovely and restful summer and are ready for the routines of school life. Please find below lots of information about this term.



Mrs Tipper
Squirrel Class Teacher
Mon-Wed



Mrs Ayres
Squirrel Class Teacher
Wed-Fri



Miss Ball
Otter Class Teacher



Miss Mannick
Squirrel TA



Miss Plank
LSA

Miss Felton
LSA



Mrs Keymer
Otter TA
Mon-Tues



Mrs Warwick
Otter TA
Wed-Fri



Miss Plank
LSA

Miss Felton
LSA

What are we learning this term?

- **Geography**– We will be learning about rivers and comparing the River Thames with the Amazon River.
- **History**– Our topic will be about the Gunpowder Plot and we will look at the timeline of events and its causes.
- **Science**– We will be focusing on life processes, animals and how they survive in different habitats around the world.
- **Art**– We will be learning about Abstract Art artists and improving our drawing and painting techniques whilst focusing on the work of Kandinsky.
- **DT**– In design technology, the children will be learning how to make a puppet and will include the skills of designing, cutting, sewing and evaluating.
- **PE**– We will be doing dance with Mrs Bendell and gymnastics with class teachers for indoor PE and Fundamental Movement and Ball Skills for outdoor PE.
- **Music**– We will be learning all about South African music.
- **Computing**– We will complete units on route explorers, the internet, creating pictures and being safe in a digital world.
- **RE**– Our key questions linking to Christianity are: 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?' and 'Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?'.

If you wish to find out more information about the topics , more detail can be found on our [website](#).



English



In our English lessons, we will be reading the books 'Meerkat Mail', 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'; and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and using these to inspire our writing. We will also be reading other picture books and extracts to develop our reading skills.

Maths

This term, we will focus on place value, understanding number and calculation. We follow the White Rose scheme of work which can be found [here](#).



Library

We will aim to visit the library every other **Thursday**. The library is also open after school every day except Friday so you are invited to change books more regularly if you wish.



PE

Before half term, it will be outdoor PE on a **Thursday** and indoor PE on a **Tuesday**. After half term, it will be outdoor PE on a **Thursday** and indoor PE on a **Monday**.

Please come into school dressed for PE on these days. (Information below is taken from the Uniform Policy found on our website)

Plain house colour T-shirt (with school logo or no logo)

Black shorts

Plimsolls or Trainers (outdoor)

Black/ grey or green track suit for cold weather (plain with no logos)

For safety reasons, you are reminded that your child should not wear earrings, studs or any other form of jewellery to school (except for plastic retainers which should still be covered or removed on PE days). If your child has long hair, please make sure that their hair is tied back, particularly on days when they have PE.

Parent Helpers

Parent help is very welcome and very much appreciated within the classroom. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested in helping. The more the merrier! Additional information can be requested from the office regarding volunteering.

Drop-off and Pick-up



As the infant block can become very busy and congested in the mornings, we ask that you please say goodbye to your child outside of the library doors so that your child is able to come through to the classroom independently. At the end of the day, we will bring the children out of the library, through the amphitheatre and send them to you at the top of the steps.

Homework

Reading and Maths homework will be checked by staff on a Monday.

Reading: your child will bring his/her reading book home each night. Please remember to sign and date the reading record whenever you listen to your child read, so that the book can be changed as regularly as possible. We are aware that the books that they are reading will become longer as they move through the reading scheme. Therefore, please do not feel that you need to read the whole book. We ask that the children read for at **least 10 minutes a day, at least 5 times a week.**

Maths: This year, we will be continuing with the Numbots homework in Key Stage 1. This will support your child's understanding of number bonds and help their addition and subtraction skills. These are the essential building blocks for higher-level Maths concepts, so we are excited by the impact that NumBots has already had and will continue to have on your child's learning. We also hope that it will be enjoyable for the children. We ask that your child completes a minimum of **10 minutes per week.**

Spelling: We will not be setting spelling homework on a weekly basis. However, there is a list of Year 1 and 2 common exception words at the back of your child's Reading Record. We will be practising these words (alongside continued phonics and Year 2 spelling rules) and assessing them on a termly basis. Therefore, any additional support you can give your child with learning these words throughout the year would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget...

- To bring a named water bottle every day.
- To bring a book-bag with your reading book and record in every day. Please no rucksacks as they don't fit in the trays.
- To check the ever-changing weather and bring a coat when it is cold!

There is so much to look forward to as we begin our first term in Year 2. We can't wait to get to know your children and see them progress throughout the year.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this term's work or any other matters, please feel free to contact us through Class Dojo or send us a note to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss it. We will be using Class Dojo to keep you updated throughout the year. We look forward to meeting you and discussing the progress of your child at our termly Parent/Teacher discussions later in the term.

Year 2 Team



