**Helpful information for Year 2**

**Reading**

Your child has been assessed after the summer break and has been put on a coloured reading book. This book is taken home to be read with an adult.

The Home School Agreement states that each child should read to an adult at home at least four times a week. Children who read four times will receive 1 team point and those who read every day will receive two team points each week. Reading records are checked on a Thursday.

We aim to change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please feel free to read a book from home if your child finishes his or her school book before book change. We can only change books if they are put in a book bag in classroom’s book bag box.

**Book Talk**  
It is important that children understand what it is they’re reading, therefore it is useful that you discuss the book with your child. Please see additional sheet for ideas of questions and discussion points you could use with your child.

**Guided Reading**

Guided Reading (group reading) takes place every morning from 9:00 to 9:30 and we would very much appreciate any parent who would like to come in and read with a group of children.   
We also warmly welcome any parents or grandparents who would like to come and help in the afternoons.  
Please fill in a parent helper form and return it to Mrs Mattthews in the office before coming in to help.

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG)**We will have a SPAG session every other week that will concentrate on sentences structure, punctuation and spellings.

Spellings will be sent home every week and will follow the Year 2 spelling syllabus. Term 1 will concentrate on the first 200 high frequency words. Spelling books will be checked on Thursday and children will be rewarded appropriately.

**Phonics**

We have split the year group four ways for phonics teaching. The groups are ability set and the children will be taught according to their needs. We are following the Phonics International Scheme that is also taught in KS2.

**Maths**  
To address the needs of the children in Year 2, we have split the year group into maths classes according to their ability. These classes aren’t static and we will move children around if we feel they would benefit from being in a different group.

**Forest School**  
Forest School takes place every week on a Thursday. The classes will alternate each term. Each class will be split into two and these groups will alternate each week. PLEASE KEEP FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHING IN SCHOOL THROUGHOUT THE TERM THAT YOUR CHILD IS PARTICIPATING IN FROEST CAMP.  
Forest School clothing (all year): long trousers (not jeans), long sleeved top, wellies and seasonal accessories.

**Forest camp timetable**

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| Term 1 | Mrs Kayani |
| Term 2 | Miss Tugwell |
| Term 3 | Mrs Kayani |
| Term 4 | Miss Tugwell |
| Term 5 | Mrs Kayani |
| Term 6 | Miss Tugwell |

**Swimming**Swimming takes place on a Thursday and will alternate termly with Forest School. We require a parent helper each week to assist children moving from the classroom to the pool and back again. A list of parents and dates will be put on the website and displayed on the classroom door. If you’re unable to help on your given date, please contact another parent to rearrange your time.

**Swimming timetable**

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| Term 1 | Miss Tugwell |
| Term 2 | Mrs Kayani |
| Term 3 | Miss Tugwell |
| Term 4 | Mrs Kayani |
| Term 5 | Miss Tugwell |
| Term 6 | Mrs Kayani |

**PE kit**Please remember your child needs his or her PE kit in every day of the week. It should be brought in on a Monday and taken home to be washed on a Friday. Children who don’t have trainers with them will not be able to do outdoor PE.

**School uniform**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING IS NAMED CLEARLY.  
Long hair needs to be tied back.  
No jewellery or bands except value bands.  
Correct school uniform should be worn (shoes not trainers).  
  
**Medication and Emergency contact**Epi/Jext pens – please make sure that the pen in school is up to date. We should really have two pens per child in school (ask your doctor for another one for school).  
Inhalers need to be given to the class teacher.  
Medication must be sent to the office.  
Emergency contact numbers need to be kept up to date via the office.