

# Curriculum Sharing Notes for Year 2 September 2024

## 1 Introduction

These are the notes that went with the presentation slides.

Mrs Skidmore – Working Mon/Tues/Wed

Miss Keski - Working Thurs/Friday

Also supported by a team of Teaching Assistants who work generally within the classroom or with children needing extra support. The main ones are Mrs Jones and Mrs Cherowbrier; Mrs Lowe, Miss Lowe, Mrs Meredith, Miss Meredith, Mr Spencer also work in the classroom. Mrs Jones will also teach RE during the week, Mrs Bray will teach music and Mrs Simic and Mr Reid will take the children to Forest Camp

## 2 The school day

We have sent you a timetable of the week which you will find inside the children's reading record books and a copy is also on the website. A typical school day has literacy and maths in the morning and all the other subjects in the afternoons including Art/DT, computing, PSHE music, topic etc. The children will be doing some of their ICT lessons in the computer suite. You may find that your child wants to make word docs and powerpoints at home.

We are visiting the Cotswold Wildlife Park in the Summer Term.

## 3 Reading

Year 2 have a big push on reading as children become more fluent and start to move away from phonics from last year. There is normally a wide variation of ability in Year 2, some children still needing a lot of support with early reading skills and others starting to read more confidently at length but everyone develops at a different rate so please don't worry.

Our reading scheme (Read, Write inc). is continued as usual for the first two terms for most children. They will be grouped by ability and bringing home a RWI book each week. Some children will be doing a guided reading session each day.

Children will have two 'book banded' books sent home on a Tuesday and two on a Friday. Please sign and date when they have read these. Please also make sure children always have **all their books** in school every day. We expect children to read 4x per week and they will get team points for achieving this. We don't send home 'picture' books but do please continue to use your local library- fiction/non fiction/poetry etc.

We visit the library on Tuesdays and bring back books for class.

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### 4 Literacy

In literacy, we base our writing around a class book.

We do handwriting every morning, focusing on joining the letters properly.

We are also introducing SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), for example: capital letters, full stops, word types etc.

### 5 Maths

We teach 2, 3, 5, and 10x tables in Year 2.

We teach within our classes, sometimes in ability groups, sometimes with partners, sometimes mixed ability depending on the lesson. Lots of practical maths.

“Big Maths” on a Friday - usually an investigation which can be linked to science or a topic, an opportunity to teach how maths works in real life.

Ways parents can help at home - telling the time, money, cards, chess, board games, cooking etc

Please look at our “Maths Made Clear” videos for simple ideas and explanations.

### 6 PE

Kit to remember, timetables. Please name **everything** with permanent marker or name tapes that you want to keep!

Swimming is alternate weeks throughout the year, as it was in Year 1.

### 7 FOREST CAMP

Kit to remember. We will send home to wash at the end of each short term. It is a good idea to have kit in school for the whole term.

### 8 End of KS1 Tests (SATS)

This is no longer compulsory but we will be doing the tests informally to form the basis of our end of year assessments, sometime in May.

Children who didn't pass the phonics check last year are required to resit this in June.

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### 9 Helping Your Child at Home

Lots of reading, listen to your child or read to them. Lots of children at this age will start to enjoy 'chapter' books that you can read at bedtime, for example.

### 10 FAQ

- Please come to us as soon as possible with any worries, questions or anything we may need to know about home which may affect your child. We will always try to help and are usually available after school, except on Wednesdays (we have a staff meeting straight after school).
- Medication goes to the school office.
- Parent helpers. We would love helpers, especially with reading so please let us know if you can help.
- No toys brought into school!
- If you can help on the PTA with any school events (Christmas/summer fairs etc) please do get in touch as funds raised by the PTA go to enhance your child's experiences in school for example by funding workshops.