



Welcome to Year 2

Dear Parents or Guardians,

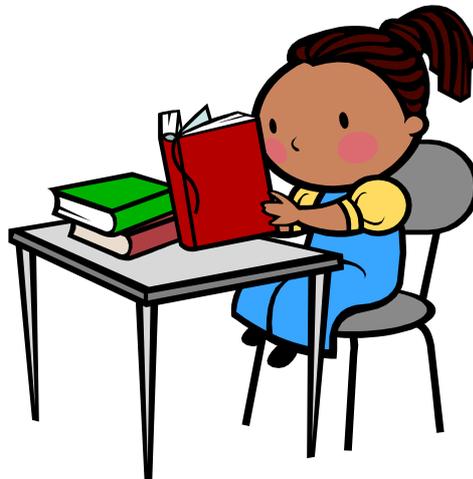
We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 2. We are taking this opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to inform you about all aspects of school life in Year 2. We feel that if we all work together, your child will achieve the appropriate levels for their age and have a positive and fulfilling experience at Holywell.

We look forward to a fantastic year

Miss Whiting and Ms Cokl

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Year 2 - Staff

Staff

Miss Whiting
Ms Cokl

Teacher of Hawthorn class and PE Lead
Teaching Assistant



Curriculum

As is required by law, we follow the National Curriculum, which provides the children with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potential.

The children will often be grouped according to ability for their Guided Reading, Phonics, English and Mathematics sessions to help them achieve their targets. This is to ensure that each child's needs are met.

Themes for the whole school area:

Autumn Term – Great Britain

Spring Term - International

Summer Term – Local area



Attendance and Punctuality:

Please ensure that your child is in the playground and lined up by 8.50 am. Teachers will be outside to collect the children at 8:50 and will be available from 8:45 to talk to parents if needed. The children are expected to come into class independently. It is important that your child arrives on time, since our first lesson of the day will begin promptly at 9.00 a.m. If your child is absent from school, they must bring a note or parents must inform the teacher either in person or by telephone. Regular absences from school can affect your child's learning, since they will miss some vital work that has been planned. This will then mean that they will be working to 'catch up' when they return.

Children should line up at 8.50 am on the large playground. The children are to be collected from their classroom doors and will remain in class until their name is called by the class teacher. Children who are not collected will be taken to the school office.

Please inform the office if your child will be collected by another adult.

Clubs

The school run a range of before and after school clubs. Letters for clubs go out at the start of a half term and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



Holidays

Extended holidays are no longer permitted by law. Please make every effort to go away during the school holidays so that your child's schooling is not disrupted. Your child may be removed from the school roll if you do take an unauthorised absence.

Expectations



In Year 2, we expect every child to work towards achieving their full potential. The work will be set to match the children's varying abilities within the year group. Children are expected to try their best and behave appropriately in the classroom, the outdoor area and around the school, respecting both adults and other children.

Handwriting



The school uses cursive script handwriting scheme. This means that letters are consistently joined up.

Home Reading/Homework



What will my child bring home to read?

'Last and past' Storybooks: contain sounds and words the children know. This is the Storybook they have just read at school and maybe some they have read before, for extra practice. Please don't worry that books are too easy. Children enjoy re-reading stories they know well. Their speed and understanding improves on every read.

Book Bag Books: matched to the Storybooks children read in school and used for extra practice. They include many of the same reading activities that we use in class and include parent guidance.

Books will be changed twice a week on Wednesday and Friday.

There is an expectation that the children read every night for at least 15 mins. Pupils in Year 2 will take home with them during a week, a reading book from their book band; reading records are checked twice a week. Homework goes home on Friday and focuses on number bonds, times tables, phonics and word recognition and writing. On Tuesday there is a 'homework help club', which takes place during morning break or at lunchtime.

Please comment about your child's reading in their reading record. It is crucial to sign in your child's reading record so the class teacher is aware that the child is reading daily at home.

In addition to their reading we would be grateful if you could help your child to learn high frequency words, letter names and sounds and numbers on a daily basis.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Assessment



In Year 2, the children are continually assessed throughout the year. More thorough assessments will take place three times a year. We will share your child's progress with you on a termly basis at Parent's Evening.



Uniform and P.E. Kit

It is school policy that all children wear uniform. This consists of white top, grey trousers or skirt/pinafore and the school jumper. We would encourage that your child wears school shoes. **Please ensure all items of clothing including shoes are labelled.** Children must not wear jewellery, however, studs are acceptable.

Physical Education (P.E.) is a compulsory part of the curriculum and important for the child's physical and social development. It is school policy that all children wear the correct P.E. kit in order to participate in P.E. activities safely. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, maroon shorts and plimsolls. **Year 2 Hawthorn Class pupils have PE on Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.**

Book bags

The children will need a Holywell book bag, which can be purchased from the office.



Dinner Money

Pupils in Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meals scheme. All parents are required to register for this as it entitles the school to additional funding that could be spent on resources for learning.



Trips

The children will be going on school trips throughout the year, information will be shared nearer the time.

Parents Evening

Parent evenings take place three times a year. Teachers will be available throughout the year to discuss your child's progress on an individual basis.

Festival of Learning

Each half term children showcase their work where parents are invited to come to school. This also takes the form of Christmas Fete and Community Evenings, for which you will receive more information about at a later date.

Assemblies

Each class in the school takes part in a class assembly on a weekly basis. The parents of the class completing the assembly will be informed of when their child's assembly will take place and the parents are invited to come along to support their children.



Thank you

We thank you for your continued support in working together to help your child achieve their full potential. We look forward to a successful working partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Whiting and Ms Cokl