

Welcome to Year 2!

Dear new Y2 parents and carers,

As you will be aware, this year, the children have accessed a play-based and child-led curriculum. This approach to learning is known as 'Continuous Provision', otherwise known to the children as 'Discovery Time'. Carefully planned Continuous Provision enables children to learn new skills, challenge their thinking and help them to embed key concepts. Resources are continually available for the children to access, within clearly defined areas such as 'construction', 'small world' and 'investigation'. Adults facilitate learning by modelling new skills or vocabulary, asking questions and extending learning opportunities. There will still be times throughout the day/ week where we all sit together and learn the same thing at the time such as phonics or maths.

This approach to learning has been a huge success this year and has enabled children to become independent, resilient, curious, motivated children who love learning! We have also had our highest phonics results to date, in comparison to most recent years. Due to the success of this approach to learning, in September 2023, the decision was made to continue Discovery time into Y2. This decision is both supported by the success experienced in our school, along with a wealth of research. We are so excited to continue discovery time in Y2. We can't wait to have a classroom full of designers, scientists, architects and see where their imagination takes them!

Start of the day

Children will be dropped off at the silver gate by Y1 and will be greeted by their class teacher. They will independently walk round to the classroom where their LSA will wait for them to support them putting away their things, if necessary. Once they are in the classroom they will get started on a morning activity. They will write a few sentences about a picture on the board. This will be familiar to the children as it is the same routine as in Y1.

From 8.35 to 8.50am, the children can choose a new reading book and they will read to an adult at least once a week. We would love to have parent helpers during this time to listen to different children read. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.

Reading

We will continue with the same reading scheme as in Y1. These books are matched to the sounds that your child will be learning in phonics.

Snack

A piece of fruit is provided for your child every day. Just like in Y1, we do 'rolling snack', meaning that your child can choose to eat their fruit at any point within the morning. We monitor this to ensure that they are eating safely and that they have eaten. You are welcome to provide your child with extra fruit to eat at break time. Each half term, we enhance this area to develop a new Design and Technology or maths skill. For example, we will spread butter on toast, measure milk for cereal and cut fruit and vegetables.

Throughout the year, we will keep you updated as to what we are doing and may ask for your support with providing ingredients.

Wet weather

As the winter months approach we will still be using our outside area. For the children to access this they will need to have in school a wet weather coat and wellies. Please make sure these are clearly labelled.

Homework

Your child's homework will be sent home on a Monday. It will be in the same format as Y1- spellings, maths and reading.

Seesaw

Your child's Seesaw account will stay the same and we will provide you with a new code. We will use Seesaw in the same way in Y2- for your child to upload work during Discovery time and for us to stay in contact with you.

And finally....

We look forward to working with your family this year! Have the best summer- we can't wait to hear all about it.

Mrs Hills and Miss Haywood ☺

