Welcome to Year 2

We are so pleased to welcome the children back to school and into Year 2. They have all settled in so quickly; you should be very proud of them!

In this leaflet we hope to give you some information about the curriculum and classroom routines. Of course, if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Toucans

Miss Arthur is your child's class teacher. Mrs Boocock will be supporting the class. Mrs Winter will cover Miss Arthur on a Thursday morning.

Tree Frogs

Mrs Flynn is your child's class teacher. Miss Moor and Mrs Twigg will be supporting the class. Mrs Winter will cover Mrs Flynn on a Friday.

Crocodiles

Miss Sharpe is your child's class teacher. Mrs Potter will be supporting the class. Mrs Winter will cover Miss Sharpe on a Thursday afternoon.

P.E Days

Toucans – Tuesday (indoor) & Thursday (outdoor).

Tree Frogs – Tuesday (indoor) & Thursday (outdoor).

Crocodiles – Thursday (outdoor) & Friday (indoor)

Children should come to school in their P.E. kits on these days.

Please ensure that your child's earrings are removed on P.E. days for health and safety reasons. Children will not be allowed to take part in PE if they are wearing earrings.

Morning Routines

All classes across the school will be setting independent learning activities for children to complete as they come in to school, as soon as they have put their bag and coat away. This is designed to give children regular practise of key skills and maximise learning time.

It is extremely important your child is on time every day so that they do not miss this valuable learning time.

It may seem like only a few minutes, but across each week and each year, that time really adds up and can affect your child's chance of success. Please work with us to ensure your child is on time and accessing this key learning time every day.

Homework

Homework will be assigned every Friday. The maths homework for Year 2 will be online. It will be set on either 'Maths.co.uk' or 'Numbots'. Class teachers will send home log-in information in children's **reading diaries**.

Homework will be set from **Friday 11th September.**

Please see below for the homework your child will receive this year.

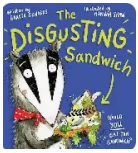
	Homework	Frequency	Set	Due	Monitoring
Week 1	Reading 3 x weekly	10 mins x 3	Friday	Friday	Reading diaries checked and signed by staff
	Phonics video to watch**	5 mins	Friday	Friday	Checked by teachers
	Spelling practice	5 mins x 3	Friday	Friday	Spelling test marked by staff
	Maths skills practice- Numbots	15 mins	Friday	Thurs-day	Checked by teachers
Week 2	Reading 3 x weekly	10 mins x 3	Friday	Friday	Reading diaries checked and signed by staff
	Phonics video to watch**	5 mins	Friday	Friday	Checked by staff
	Spelling practise	5 mins x 3	Friday	Friday	Spelling test marked by staff
	Maths activity set- www.maths.co.uk	15 mins	Friday	Thurs-day	Checked by teachers

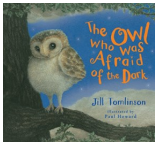
Year 2 Curriculum

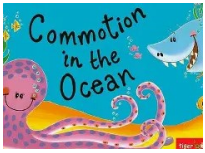
Autumn Term

English

Reading: The Pirates Next Door, The Disgusting Sandwich, The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark, Commotion in the Ocean







Writing: Writing a letter, writing a descriptive paragraph, writing a diary , writing a descriptive poem.

Maths – Place value, addition and subtraction

Science – Plants, animal survival and offspring

Geography – UK countries and cities, continents and oceans of the World

History – Chronology, how has Newark changed?

Computing – Online safety, coding and spreadsheets

Art – Making clay pots, colour mixing, tints and shades and printing: Christmas cards.

Music – Singing with Mr Higgins.

RE – Belonging and Believing

DT- Cooking and Nutrition: vegetables and dip

PE – Gymnastics (indoor)/ Yoga, Attack, defend and shoot (outdoor)

Jigsaw PSHE – 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'

Water bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. We will send these home for washing on a daily basis.

Naming clothes

Please make sure that all your child's clothes are named. Children frequently mislay their jumpers/cardigans through the day and making sure the children take home the correct one is quite tricky when they have no name on!

How often will my child read in school?

RWI—Your child will read every morning as part of their RWI lesson.
English- Reading will be part of our English curriculum, using a new text every fortnight.
Individual Reading - Your child will read to an adult once a fortnight in school.

We can't stress enough how essential it is for you to read with your child at home; it only needs to be for 5 -10 minutes a day, but it has a huge impact. The children still need to bring their reading books to school each day so we can help them change their books and so they can do some extra reading if we have any volunteers in.

Year 2 Reading Club

8.30am – 8.40 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday

We appreciate that it can be tricky to fit in hearing your child read at home. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, we will open our doors early for parents/carers to come into the class and hear their child read.

*Parents **must** accompany their child.*

This session is specifically for hearing your child read.

Year 2 Family Read

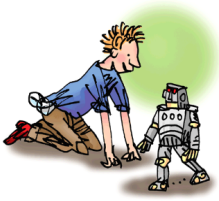
Wednesday 21st October 2026 - 2:30pm– 3:00pm

This is an opportunity for you to come into school and share a book with your child in their classroom. This could be yourselves, grandparents or an alternative family member. Books will be available to read but you may bring a favourite story from home to share. Please come in via the outside doors.

Thank you for helping us to support a love of reading, we will look forward to seeing lots of you then.

Set 2 sounds

These are the sounds your child will learn in Read Write Inc. They are two or three letters that make one sound.

ay may I play?	ee what can you see?	igh fly high
ow blow the snow	oo poo at the zoo	oo look at the book
ar start the car	or shut the door	air that's not fair
ir whirl and twirl	ou shout it out	oy  a toy for a boy

Set 3 sounds

ea cup of tea	oi spoil the boy	aw yawn at dawn	are care and share
ur nurse with a purse	er a better letter	ow brown cow	ai snail in the rain
oa goat in a boat	ew chew the stew	ire fire fire	ear hear with your ear
ure sure it's pure	a-e make a cake	o-e phone home	i-e nice smile

Common Exception Words

These are the words that children are expected to be able to read and spell by the end of Year 1 and 2. We will be practising these in the classroom. Please practise these words at home too. Thank you.

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	

Communication

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us after school if you have any questions. If your query requires a longer discussion, we may need to arrange an alternative meeting time or you can contact us via email.

Thank you,

The Year Two Team