

Year 2 Newsletter  
Autumn 2017



### Welcome to Year 2

In Willow class, you will meet Mrs. Nanson and Miss Holland. Mr. Davis is in Rowan class. In Beech class, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Rawling are the teachers. Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Grieve, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Hill all work to support the children in Year 2 throughout the week. During the year, your child may work in small groups with other members of staff to give them every opportunity to succeed in all areas of the curriculum. If you have any questions about this group work please come and talk to us.

### Morning routine

A member of the year 2 team will be available to speak to at the year 2 doors between 8.50 and 9 a.m. each morning. Please call in and see us if you have any questions or concerns. If you feel you need a longer meeting with your child's class teacher, this can be arranged at a mutual time. Please inform us if someone different will be picking up your child. Please now encourage the children to develop their independence by entering the school building by themselves each morning. NO DOGS – Please do not bring Dogs into the school yard. Thank you.

### Trips

We are planning to take the children to Carlisle Castle and to the Cathedral this half term. Please make sure you complete your home school agreement forms before we go. We will also organise other trips and workshop days over the course of the year and will keep you informed as and when these are arranged. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested in joining us on a trip.

### Topic work

Our topic this half term is called 'Where we live.' The children will be learning about Carlisle and places, homes and buildings around the world. After half term, the children will move on to a topic called 'Fire' during which they will learn about Guy Fawkes, the fire of London and the religious festivals of Diwali and Hanukkah.

### Meet the Year 2 Team

You are invited to come into the year 2 unit on Tuesday 19th at 3 p.m. to meet the teachers and to have a look around your child's classroom. This is an opportunity to discuss year 2 routines and expectations and to ask any questions you may have.

### Clothing

Children should wear appropriate school uniform each day. Uniform items are available to purchase from the office. **PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM!** If children wear earrings for school please ensure they are small plain studs and also, please take these out on PE days.

### PE

Please ensure your child has a full named PE kit in school — including suitable footwear.



Please take out earrings on PE DAYS (Tuesdays and Fridays).

**Milk** Milk is available at a cost of £1 per week. Please send this in the money bag provided which has been labelled with your child's name and class and give it to the class teacher each Monday.



Children are also welcome to bring water bottles into the classroom each day.

## English

Your child will be reading regularly at school. We would appreciate your comments in the reading record book to let us know how your child is getting along with their reading at home.

The children will do some one to one reading with an adult and some guided reading tasks in small groups within their own classrooms. The children will be encouraged to talk about and explain what they have read.

Alongside their reading work, the children will be developing their writing skills in their own classes with a big focus on talk for writing.

## G.P.S.

The literacy curriculum focuses heavily on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

Our children have to recognise and use a range of punctuation marks - including question and exclamation marks and apostrophes and commas.

They also have to know what verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs are, and be able to use them.

This term we are making sure that our children can extend their spoken and written sentences using words like 'but', 'because', and 'if' and they will learn to use the past and present tense.

Lots of information about key stage 1 GPS can be found online.

**Homework** will be set weekly on a Friday alternating between maths and English or topic based tasks. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to engage with these tasks.

**Reading books** will be changed regularly. Please add comments to your child's reading record so we can see how they are getting on at home.

## Maths

The children will be working in classes and in groups for maths throughout the week. Sometimes this may mean they are working in a different classroom. All pupils will be supported to make good progress at their own level. Please help your child to make maths a part of every day life. Look for numbers and patterns when you are out and about. Count objects, tell the time together, talk about shapes you see around you and let the children play with coins. Lets make maths fun.



Big maths is made up of four key areas; **C L I C**

**C—Counting:** Learning to count and to count on.

**L—Learn its:** Developing rapid recall of facts such as pairs of numbers which make 10 and doubles.

*We will begin to share your child's 'Learn Its' with you so that you can help them to develop rapid recall of these number facts at home.*

**I—It's nothing new:** Swapping the thing you are counting to realise that counting and learn its can be applied to any object, amount or unit of measure.

e.g. **3 bananas + 4 bananas** is like **3 tens + 4 tens** or  
**3 centimetres + 4 centimetres**

**C—Calculations:** Counting, Learn its and Its nothing new all support the learning in the calculations section where children learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Big Maths Challenge

Every week the children will undertake the Big Maths challenges and each week they will try to beat their own scores.

### Reading mornings

There will be a weekly opportunity to come in to your child's class to share and enjoy books.



We will notify you shortly about which day of the week this will be happening on.