



YEAR 2 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 2!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

Year 2

Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and every other Thursday)
and Mrs Poyner (every other Thursday and Friday)

Supported by Mrs Williams and Mrs Liddall

2E – Miss Evans

Supported by Mrs Pugh

(PPA cover: Mrs Poyner will teach every other Thursday)

2/30 – Mrs Oakley

Supported by Mr. Cole and Miss Davies

(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every other Wednesday)

Mr. McShane will also support across the phase during the afternoons

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We are starting off the school year by exploring Traditional tales. The children will also be exploring acrostic poems, letters and instructions.



Maths: The children will be learning about place value using 2-digit numbers, addition and subtraction and telling the time to 5-minute intervals.

Science: We are exploring animals and humans. We will be looking at how animals and humans change as they grow and looking at what we all need to survive.



Topic: Our topic questions for this term are:

Autumn 1: "Would I like to be a farmer now or in the past?" This is a history-based topic and within this we will be looking at how ploughing, harvesting and dairy farming have changed over time.

Autumn 2: "Could I visit Father Christmas?" This is a geography-based topic and within this we will be looking at naming and locating the continents of the world.

R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are:

Autumn 1: "Who is a Muslim and how do they live?"

Autumn 2: "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?"



P.E: The children will be taking part in gymnastics for our inside sessions and running, jumping and throwing for our outdoor game sessions.

Computing: The children will be completing activities related to E-Safety and word processing.

Music: We will be learning about rhythm and pulse, using our hands, musical instruments and voices.



Arts: The children will be learning about Pablo Picasso and will be having a go at recreating some famous pieces of artwork.

PSHE: The children will be exploring families.

Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 2 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day but at least three times a week. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

Your child will soon bring home a log in for **Times Tables Rock Stars**. Please support your child by allowing them access to this website/app and practising their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables.

The children are expected to join their **handwriting** in Year 2 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

We will also set challenges to complete throughout the year. These tasks will link to our topic.

Reading

We will soon be assessing your child's reading and phonic knowledge.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will soon include their reading book and reading journal.

Your child will be able to change their own book and we will be able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

The more they read, the sooner they will be 'Over the Rainbow'.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they wear their P.E. uniform on their P.E. days.



Year 2 have P.E. on the following days:

2EGP – Monday and Wednesday

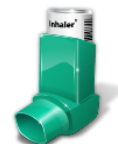
2E – Monday and Wednesday

P.E. may not take place on both of these days but children should be prepared by wearing their P.E. uniform on both of these days.



Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

We have lots of events and parental engagement activities planned for this term. We have outlined them below. More information including dates and times will follow soon.

Special Events

One special event we are having this term is our farm day. On this day the children will come dressed up as a farmer and experience what farming was like in the past.

Another special event being held this term is Grandparents day. We are celebrating Grandparents day by inviting them into school to complete some wonderful activities with us.

During December we will be asking children and parents to indulge in their creative side as we take part in a range of festive craft. Get ready for lots of glitter and sparkle!

Parental Engagement

We are hopeful that within the next few weeks we will be able to deliver a parental engagement with a focus on Maths. This will take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children will learn maths skills and the resources they'll be using.

Later on, in the term there will be another parental engagement with a focus of phonics and reading. This will also take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children use and apply phonic skills and an opportunity for the children to share their favourite books with you.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 7 th October	Individual photos
Wednesday 20 th October	Parent/Carer evening
Thursday 21 st October	Parent/Carer evening
Friday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 25th – Friday 29th October)	
Monday 1 st November	Back to school
Friday 10 th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term

Yours sincerely
The Year 2 Team
Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)