



A very happy new year to you all!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you a very Happy New Year. We are looking forward to another exciting term with the children.

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 3

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)

2/3O – 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 spring term by looking at tales from Africa.

Maths: The children will be learning about money and then moving on to multiplication and division.

Science: In the first half-term we will be looking at Light and Rocks and soils in the second Spring half-term.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is:

Would you rather live in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?

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

Spring 1: What is it like to follow God?

Spring 2: How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

P.E: The children will be taking part in Handball for our outdoor game sessions and dance for our inside sessions.

Arts: The children will be creating pieces of art inspired by our topic on the Stone Age, using a range of materials and techniques.

PSHE: The children will be learning about being part of a community and the importance of exercise for our bodies and minds.



Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 2/3 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.

The books will be changed regularly 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 2/30 have P.E. on the following days:

Monday and Thursday



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.

Special Events

The children will take part in Stone Age themed day in school.

They will be able to have a go at a range of activities including art inspired by cave painting, den building in our Forest school area and making Stone Age pots out of clay!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Wednesday 2 nd February	Chinese New Year dance workshop
Thursday 17 th February	Stone Age Day
Half Term (Monday 21st – Friday 25th February)	
Thursday 3 rd March	World book day
14 th -18 th March	Science week
Wednesday 30 th March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 31 st March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 7 th April	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

The Year 2/3 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)