



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school term; we hope you had a lovely break. The children have all settled back into school routines well and are happy to see their friends.

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 –Deputy Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Hough – SENCO

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner and Mrs Poyner

Supported by Mrs Williams

2S – Miss Salter

Supported by Mrs Robinson

(PPA cover: Mrs Cunnington)

2ER- Mrs Elliott and Mrs Rutterford

Supported by Mrs Newman and Mrs Philips

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We are focusing on reading comprehension skills and creative writing in preparation for the upcoming SATS tests.

Maths: The children will be recapping previously learnt skills, such as the four operations in preparation for the upcoming SATS tests.

Science: We are starting the unit 'Living things and their habitats'.



Topic: Our topic questions for this term are:

“What is it like to be an explorer?” This is a history-based topic and within this we will be looking at different explorers from the past. We will be looking at who some of the important explorers from the past are and what they have achieved.

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

Summer 1: We will be starting the unit “What is the good news Jesus brings?”

Summer 2: “What makes some places sacred to believers?”

P.E: The children will be taking part in Attack, defend, shoot for our outdoor game sessions. Our Sports day will be in Summer 2.

Computing: Year 2 will be completing a computing day. They will be creating a PowerPoint based on our topic of explorers using different search engines and looking at data and its different formats.

DT: The children will be making a moving monster, looking at mechanisms for different features.

PSHE: The children will be exploring 'Caring for the environment'.

Music: The children will be continuing their unit “I wanna play in a band” to be completed during our Music morning. They will be exploring a range of instruments throughout this fun morning.

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 and sign their reading record. 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!

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 and in their reading records for you to practise with your child.

We will also continue to send home Maths arithmetic papers to prepare the children for SATS. Please continue to support your children with these, ensuring they are showing their working out.

Reading



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This means we are able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Your child's phonics teacher will give them new sounds/words or a book three times a week. If your child is on the AR programme, then they choose their own book after they have quizzed.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

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 ensure your children bring in their labelled PE uniforms and sun hats prior to their class PE day.

We will send their kit home every half term to be washed.

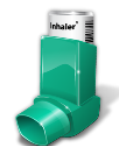
Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

We will be going out for PE regardless of the weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure you provide your children with appropriate clothing.



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. All food waste will now be disposed of into our new compost bins in line with the new Herefordshire council regulations.



Please ensure your child arrives to school in full school uniform, including school shoes. It has been proven that this has a positive effect on their 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

During this term, the children will be going on an exciting trip to the Dan Yr Ogof caves as part of our topic around explorers. They will have the opportunity to become explorers for the day!

Parental Engagement

We will be hosting our annual Sports day, with the dates to be confirmed at a later day. This should be an exciting, competitive day for all to enjoy!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
4/5/26	Bank Holiday
11/5/26-15/5/26	Walk to school week
18/5/26	KS1 SATS
22/5/26	Break up for half term
Half Term (Monday 25th – Friday 29th May)	
12/6/25	EMC Sports afternoon
8/6/26	Phonics screening re-takes
9/6/26	
10/6/26	
15/6/26	Year 2 Priory exhibition
23/6/26	Year 2 Sports Day
3/7/26	School fete and parade
14/7/26	Dan Yr Ogof Caves trip
17/7/26	Last day of term

Yours sincerely
The Year 2 Team