

Homework

Given on a Friday to be completed and handed in the following Thursday

Each week children will receive

- 2x reading books (decodable book) and coloured banded book.
- Mental Maths activity to supporting learning weekly Maths focus.
- Spellings to learn for an informal test the following Friday.

Please see the separate letters in the front of the blue homework folder for more detailed explanation on homework. However if you have any problems or would like further explanation on homework please don't hesitate to come and see me and I'm happy to help out.

Please support your child with their homework and please ensure blue folders are returned each Thursday so new homework can be issued.

Belongings

To make school life run smoothly, we do not allow any toys or pencil cases to be brought into school. We find these are a distraction to children's learning and cause upset if they get lost or broken. Therefore any toys brought into school will be taken from your child and returned to them at the end of the school day. We are aware some children require fiddly toys to help reduce anxiety. The children who require these will be provided with school approved fiddle toys so please refrain from sending in fiddle toys from home.

Every Friday, there will be an opportunity for children to bring in special items to share during our 'Show and Tell' sessions.

Children are not required to bring any money into school, however on occasions when there are cake sales etc we appreciate money to be brought in a labelled purse or envelope and given to an adult to ensure money does not go missing. All property (glasses, hair bands, clothing & bags) are your child's responsibility to look after. To help reduce property going missing, please ensure all belongings are named.

Medical

If your child needs any medication e.g. inhalers can they be brought in to school as soon as possible labelled with your child's name.

They can be stored safely and kept in school at all times. Please make sure you have another set to keep at home.

Please make me aware of any medical issues your child has so I can ensure they receive the appropriate care and attention they need.



Welcome to Y2

Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to Year Two!

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer! I am looking forward to working with your child and meeting you over the next few weeks. As KS1 staff work together, I have already met with most parents/carers, however, please pop over to introduce yourself and explain the arrangements for your child's drop off/collection from school so I can become familiar with the adults who will be collecting your child.

Each morning, we are very lucky to have Miss Maughan working to support the children and each Thursday afternoon Mrs Scott will be teaching the children whilst I have my PPA time.

Our topic for the first half term is going to be **Florence Nightingale** and in the second half term our topic will be **Katie Morag**. Please note the key points below and feel free to ask me any questions after school.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Mrs Coates

Typical day in Year 2

8.55–9.10—Register / Memory Maths key skills

9.10-9.40—ELS (Phonics, Reading & Spelling)

9.45-10.45—Maths

10.45—11.00— Playtime and snack time

11.00-11.45— English

11.45-12.00—Handwriting, Spelling and reading skills

12.00-12.50—Lunchtime

12.50-1.15—Mastering number Maths programme

1.15-2.00—Computing/Topic/Science/PE/Art

2.00- 2.15—Playtime

2.15-3.00—PE/RE/Music/PSHE/Technology

3.00-3.10—Story time and home time

Reading folder

Your child has their own folder and it is essential that this is brought to school **every Thursday**. Inside your child's folder is a yellow **Reading Record** book to record books given and it also contains information about HRS (Harder to Read and Spell words) words. There is information on the inside cover to give you suggestions on how to support your child with reading at home. Please date, sign and comment on your child's reading every time you read so I know your child is ready for a new book.

Reading books I aim to hear every child read on a 1:1 basis at least once per week. Please support your child to read their books at least 3 times a week at home to build fluency. We have invested thousands of pounds into our school reading scheme so your child will bring TWO books home each week. One book is a decodable phonics book based around the sounds we are working on in class and the other is a fiction or non fiction colour banded book to develop fluency and comprehension of texts. Please encourage your child to take care of these new books and support your child with reading books.

HRS words (Keywords)— Each day in class, we will focus on learning the spelling of keywords. Each Friday we will assess the spelling of these in an informal spelling test. Please see the front of the yellow **reading record book** for HRS words to learn to READ and the back of the yellow reading record book for HRS words to learn to SPELL. Words highlighted in pink are retained from previous years. I will continue to assess the reading and spelling of these HRS words and I will highlight progress termly. Please support your child to practise reading and spelling of these HRS words on a weekly basis.

P.E.

Class FN will have PE on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoon.

On these days, children are to come to school wearing black shorts/joggers/leggings/with a **red** t-shirt. All hair should be tied back for PE lessons and watches/earrings must be removed. Children can wear red or black sweatshirts/hoodies as some sessions will be outdoors. Please ensure these are labelled with your child's name in order to help items being lost.

Water bottles and snacks Bottles are to be brought into school and labelled with your child's name. The children can drink their water during the school day as being hydrated aids a child's concentration. We have a water fountain in school which can be used to refill water bottles. Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack for playtime however we can also provide free fruit.