

Useful information

Start of the day - Both Year 2 classes start at 8.40am. The gate is locked at 8.50am. Children who miss even a few minutes of the school day can miss out on vital aspects of the curriculum as we start learning straight away. We have a number of children who are persistently late so please make every effort to arrive on time.

End of the day - School finishes at 3:00pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri) and 3:30 only on Tuesdays starting 15/09/26. Please be prompt in collecting your child as Year 3 leave from the same doors at 3:10pm.

Penguins class leave through the link corridor every day.

Seals class leave through the gym every day.

Please remember to let a member of staff or the school office know if someone different is coming to collect your child as if we do not know them, we will be unable to let your child leave with them. In this situation, we will contact you via telephone to gain your permission before allowing your child to leave the premises. Please do not be offended if this happens as we have to ensure all children are safely handed over to the appropriate adults at the end of the day. Children in year 2 must be collected by someone over 16.

We will send text messages and Class Dojo messages to let you know when In Harmony is not on so please look out for them.

Uniforms and Coats - All children must wear school uniform at all times. Please make sure all uniform and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Shoes—Please make sure your child is wearing sensible school shoes (i.e. NO heeled boots or shoes) and if they have laces, please teach them how to tie them themselves or alternatively make sure they wear Velcro shoes if they can't tie laces. This will help us greatly—Thank you.

Reading – Reading folders will be sent home every day and we ask that each child reads every night at home some/all of their book. Please make sure that your child's book folder is in school each day to allow members of staff to hear your child read. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and therefore we encourage you to spend time reading with your child and ask you to sign their reading record (yellow book) every time you do this.

If your child is reading Read Write Inc books, they will be changed after they have been read 3 times either at home or in school. This is to help your child gain fluency when reading. If your child has moved onto book banded books (Coloured sticker on spine of book) then these will be changed after they have been read once.



Welcome to Year 2!



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have put together this pamphlet to provide you with information about life in Year 2.

If you have any worries or questions, however small, please do not hesitate to have a word with us on the door or phone the office to make an appointment if a longer chat is needed.

We hope that by working together we can make this year a happy and productive one for your child. There will be interesting and challenging activities and experiences to ensure that the children make the best possible progress.

Thank you for your continued support for this coming year.
Mrs Dawson and Miss Penaluna

PE— Penguins have P.E. on a Tuesday every week.
Seals have P.E. on a Tuesday every week.

Please remember to send your child into school with their trainers for the lesson. NO jewellery is to be worn for P.E.

Jewellery— A reminder that the only earrings that are allowed to be worn in school are small stud earrings and these MUST NOT be worn on P.E. days. Hoop earrings are not allowed to be worn at any time. NO other jewellery should be worn.

Homework – Homework and spellings will be given on a Friday for both classes via Class Dojo. Spellings are posted on Class Dojo portfolios with instructions of the date of the spelling test.

Class dojo—We use Class dojo to send messages to all parents on our class story section. We are also posting homework instructions and spellings on there every week too. Please make sure you are regularly checking Class dojo so you don't miss out on important information.

Contact details—Please make sure we have up to date contact details at the office for your child e.g. the correct phone number for parents, up to date address etc. This is especially important in case your child is unwell or has an accident and we need to urgently contact you. We also use text messages to let you know important dates etc.

Autumn term trip – Year 2 will be visiting Beamish Museum on Friday 16th October – More details to follow soon.

This is what we're doing this term!

English	Reading the books 'Little Red Reading Hood' and 'Clara Button and the magical hat day.' Looking at the author Shirley Hughes and reading her book 'Daisy saves the day'. Reading fiction stories linked to our topic which is Victorian schools after half term. Non-Fiction — reading and writing instructions, recounts and persuasive letters. Poetry—Reading and performing various poems and writing our own poems. Practising handwriting joins, reading and spelling Year 2 words. Reading and writing interesting sentences using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.
Mathematics	Number—reading and writing 2 digit numbers up to 100, place value of numbers to 3 digits, addition and subtraction, counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Reasoning activities about place value. Learning our times table and related division facts for 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. Money—solving problems and giving change. Shape—Identifying 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Data handling—Collecting and grouping data. Reading the time on an analogue clock to o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to.
Science	We will be investigating different materials and learning about their uses in every day life. We will also be looking at humans and animals – life cycles of common animals
Computing	Computer navigation skills using word processing software. Keyboard and mouse skills. Coding simple algorithms to command a sprite using Scratch Jnr. Using debugging skills to spot errors in a short algorithm.
Geography	We will be learning about our local area and how to identify areas on a map. We will be looking at human and physical features of our local area and their uses.
History	We will be looking at the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements—Queen Victoria linked with our topic of Victorian schools.
Art & Design	We will be making 3D clay models linked to our sculpture topic. We will be making moving vehicles in D.T.
Music	Using musical instruments to perform songs in small groups. Learning and singing songs. We will also begin In Harmony sessions this half term.
P.E.	This term we will be working with our P.E. coach, learning new and exciting skills. We will be focusing on multi skills e.g. jumping, throwing, catching, balancing and staying safe in the lesson.
R.E.	We will be looking at the stories of Jesus and ideas of belonging. We will be learning about Hanukkah and Christmas.