

Year 2 Meet and Greet (Information for Parents/carers)

Your child is now in year 2, this means they have moved from Lower School to Middle School.

In Year 2, we learn lots of new information that will become the building blocks for year 3, 4, 5 and 6!

It is a very important year as there are lots of new concepts for the children to learn.

Not forgetting that this year they will take part in the statutory KS1 SATs tests.

Year 2 Staff

Miss Gasking – 2GA Class Teacher.

Miss Graham – 2G Class Teacher.

Miss Lincoln and Miss Davis – Year 2 Teaching Assistants.

Home Learning

Home learning will be shared via our school website and you will be able to find each classes' requirements for home learning for each theme. Please complete a minimum of 4 tasks and this can be shared via photographs to the school office.

A Spellings list for each week will be available on the school website and these spellings must be revised in order for the children to read and spell them consistently, along with being able to complete a spelling test on the words each week.

Home Reading and Reading in School

This year home reading will look a little different. We want to encourage as much reading as possible and therefore will be sending reading books home, but these will be without reading records. We will expect the reading books to come into school everyday so that we can still listen to your children. We are going to be encouraging the children to reread their books, this will allow them to gain a deeper understanding of what they are reading. It will also allow us and yourselves to check their understanding through discussions, questioning and even improving the story.

Once your child has shown a clear understanding of the book, it can be changed in school (All books will undergo a 'quarantine' period before they can be distributed again).

'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, anything is possible...' Matthew 17:20

As a school, we believe that children can achieve anything they set their minds to and we instil this self-belief in the children through our support and guidance.

This year is no different and we will continue to foster those aspirations in the children.

General information

Attendance,

In order for children to achieve their full potential, they must be in school. Please endeavor to arrange external appointments for outside of school hours so as not to interrupt their learning.

Information for parents

Any communications with parents/carers will be done so via email, phone calls, 'School News' app or the 'School Gateway' app.

Please use these channels to communicate with school. If you require a phone call from a teacher, please request this via the office and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Recovery Curriculum

During the first few weeks of the term, we will be working closely with the children to assess their needs and plan for each child in order for them to achieve within our lessons. We have worked to create an environment whereby we will safely support both academic and emotional needs.

Online safety

Keeping children safe online is extremely important and a key safety measure we take at The Downs.

We encourage the children to use the internet safely within school, we do this by using safe internet searches and child friendly websites. The children access this through the 'Safe Search' tool bar on thedowns.me. This is also accessible whilst at home by simple typing thedowns.me into the web link bar.

If you have any questions about safeguarding your children whilst online, then please do let us know and we can signpost you to relevant advice.

Mathematics and Literacy

Year 2 children must be confident in the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. So please do practice these at home.

We would also encourage a clear understanding of writing numbers as both digits and words up to 20.

Year 2 also need to have clear handwriting and therefore we encourage you to practice writing the letters of the alphabet in cursive from with your children.

PE

Year 2 will be doing outdoor PE sessions on a Monday and a Friday. Please could your child come into school wearing their PE kit on these days. They will wear the kit all day and return home in the kit at the end of the day. The weather can be very unpredictable so trainers, a jacket and jogging bottoms are recommended.