



Year 2 Autumn 2026



We want to wish all of our families a very warm welcome to Year 2. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and are ready for a new school year. Year 2 are a wonderful team who are all very eager to get to know your fantastic children and begin teaching the exciting and engaging lessons we have planned.

THE TEAM: Mrs Lisa Yeoman and Miss Louisa Webb (Year Team Leaders) will be sharing 'Parrots' Class. Mrs Yeoman will be teaching on Monday to Wednesday morning and Miss Webb will be teaching on Wednesday afternoon until the end of the week. Miss Hollie Pemberton is teaching 'Flamingos' and Miss Charlotte Allen is sharing 'Penguins' with Mrs Kalvinder Chungh. Miss Allen will be in class teaching on Monday and Tuesdays, while Mrs Chungh will be teaching on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Year 2 will also be supported by Mrs Anca Antocci (LSA) and Mrs Ella Gosling, Mrs Lisa Leavey and Miss Caroline Sweatman (SNA's).

Weekly Routines

P.E days: Monday (Indoor PE)
Tuesday (Outdoor P.E)

Please bring in suitable kit for all weather types (shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE, tracksuit and sports shoes for outdoor PE) in a **named**, drawstring bag (the clearer and larger the name, the easier the bag will be to locate!). **Please name all items of PE clothing.**

Library day: Friday

Please try to remember your borrowed book each week in order for them to be exchanged for a new book.

Please name all of your child's items so that things can be more easily found if they become lost.

Dates for your Diary

School Photos: Wednesday 18th November
School mop up photos: Friday 20th November

Autumn Market: Monday 19th October

Half Term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

INSET Day: Friday 27th November

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November

Project Celebration: (mornings- timings tbc)
Tuesday 1st December - **Penguins**
Wednesday 2nd December - **Parrots**
Thursday 3rd December - **Flamingos**

Christmas Fayre: Friday 4th December

Early finish (optional): Friday 18th December 1:15pm

Dinner Time...

Year 2 is the final year for the *Universal Free School Meals* so please do take up the opportunity of a free, hot and balanced meal. We will provide a fruit snack and as always, we use these opportunities to encourage healthy eating. We are a 'Healthy School' so water only in water bottles and healthy lunch boxes if you decide on lunch boxes. Please can we remind you that we are also an Allergy-Aware school!
Thank you for your support.

What can I do at home to help?

Read, read, read! We cannot emphasize enough the importance of reading at home. Developing a love of reading is something we are passionate about. This goes far beyond teaching them phonics, blending and common exception words and allows them to express themselves through developed vocabulary, empathise through understanding characters as well as relax, enjoy, increase knowledge, imagination and creativity. We will send home a decodable phonics reading book each week for your child to continue to practise their reading fluency. We will also send home a book chosen by your child during their library session, in order to promote reading for pleasure. During our taught reading lessons, we will teach a range of comprehension skills across a variety of carefully chosen texts. This half term, we will be exploring the texts; 'Hansel and Gretel', 'Gotcha' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and will be summarising, making predictions, clarifying, evaluating, making connections and inferring meaning. Your child will bring home a reading diary to record any home reading that you do. We reward 4 reads or more a week by entering your child in our weekly reading raffle.

Communication



It is imperative that all parents sign up to DOJO as we will be communicating regularly through this. Weekly reading targets will be posted on DOJO, as well as updates on what your children are learning each week. If you are having trouble logging in, please do speak with your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Dojo is useful for quick communications about areas such as curriculum news or specific messages regarding behaviour and should be your 'first port of call' if you have any concerns. Your child's class teacher will access and respond to dojo messages around the school day, during office hours. For communications regarding absence, please continue to email the school office or phone reception.

Projects and Learning

Let's Explore

Throughout Year 2, We have an exciting journey planned full of discovery, critical thinking and hands on learning! Our first project **'Let's Explore'** is planned for your child's first term in Year 2, where we will be exploring all about the UK before moving on to continents around the world. We will learn all about hot and cold areas of the world and their relation to the equator and north and south poles. We have an exciting hook afternoon planned for our first week in Year 2. The children will hop on board the Berrywood aeroplane in order to travel and visit different destinations in the world, collecting stamps in their passports as they go! We will also be carrying out lots of research on the different animals that live in these continents and will be using this information to help us to plan our exciting project celebration with you in Autumn 2!

Maths

- Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Measures
- Maths Mastery

Science

- Longitudinal Study
- Making new plants- how new plants are made
- Exploring the key idea that all flowering plants make seeds
- Identifying what plants need to stay healthy
- Identifying the different parts of a plant

PE

- Football
- Basketball
- Creative Dance
- Gymnastics

Geography

- Exploring the four countries within the United Kingdom
- Learning about the 5 oceans and 7 continents in the world
- Locating hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- Developing skills in using maps, atlases, globes and compass directions
- Identifying the physical features as well as recognising landmarks and human/physical features

English

- Narrative- Alternative versions of traditional tales
- Poetry and rhyme
- Instructions
- Diary entries
- Sustained 'Write on' tasks
- Let's Think in English

Art

- Painting Caribbean landscapes
- Printing in the style of Donald Judd
- Paper weaving to create tartan
- Exploring the artworks of Kelly ZumBerge, Janice Sylvia Brock and Shari Erikson.

DT

- Free Standing Structures: Designing and making an animal enclosure

Music

- Weekly singing assembly
- Body Percussion
- Christmas nativity preparations

Computing

- E safety
- Research based web browsing (animals from hot and cold countries)

PDL

- Class rules
- Growth Mindset
- Being a good friend
- Belonging

RE

- Bread as a symbol
- Candlelight as a symbol- Hannukah and Advent

We hope that you have found this letter informative and would like to thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your children have a fantastic year at Berrywood.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Yeoman

Miss Webb

Miss Allen

Mrs Chungh

Miss Pemberton