



Year 2 Autumn 2023



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

THE TEAM: Miss Amy Spencer (SENCo and Year Team Leader) is sharing 'Penguins' with Miss Emily Tindale with the support of Mrs Fiona Osgood (LSA). Mrs Anna Paterson is teaching 'Flamingos' with the support of Mrs Gover (LSA) and Miss Emma Hailston (LSA on a Friday). Miss Natalie Cockell is teaching 'Parrots' with the support of Miss Abi Bates (LSA).

We are here to help you, as your children will learn best when we all work together. If you have a question or concern, please contact your class teacher. Please use our DOJO system to communicate or to arrange a time for a face-to-face conversation, if it is not a question that can be quickly answered.

Parental Help!

If you would like to help and you have the time to offer, it would be greatly appreciated. Please DOJO message your child's class teacher as we would like to set up some regular parent readers, as well as parents who would like to help with more sporadic events or even a more admin type role.

Projects and leaning



Our project to kick start the year is titled, "Let's Explore" where we will be exploring all about the UK before moving on to continents around the world. We will look at: landscapes, climate, food, dances, landmarks and flags.

Alongside our projects, we will be learning about safety when online, further developing our knowledge of numbers and looking at *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We will be focusing on sentence structure, adjectives, nouns and expanded noun phrases.

PE and Library days

Tuesday – Indoor PE (Gymnastics then Dance)

Thursday – Outdoor PE (football then basketball) please add a pair of joggers and a hoody to the kit bags for when the weather turns.

Please name all items of PE clothes.

Friday - Library – please ensure library books are in their bookbags in order to change them.

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. Thank you for your support. We are also a nut free school!

How can I help at home?

Number one is reading. Developing a love of reading is something we are passionate about. This goes far beyond teaching them the phonics, blending and common exception words and allows them to express themselves through developed vocabulary, empathise through understanding characters as well as relax, enjoy, increasing knowledge, imagination and creativity. Life is busy and stressful but there's nothing better than making memories from snuggling up and sharing books. Please let us know if you would like to borrow more books – I'm sure we can arrange something. Hedge End and Eastleigh library also have a huge selection of books.

Home Learning will be sent on a Monday (starting 11th September) and will focus on the phonics sound we have been learning that week and in time we will include spellings into this.

Everyday maths is crucial, whether: sharing out toys, talking about the time, counting coins, identifying shapes or recognising numbers. Don't underestimate the impact this will have.

It is imperative that all parents sign up to DOJO as we will be communicating regularly through this. Your child's reading comment and target will be posted on DOJO for their reading group, 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. Please also bear in mind that all teachers have 'quiet hours' set where they will not see your messages instantly. They will be read during a working day and responded to as soon as possible without detracting from the importance of time spent with the children.

A quick reminder, the classroom doors will be open at 8:30am and the gates will be locked at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked late.

We hope you found this newsletter useful. We are very much looking forward to an exciting autumn term!

Dates for your Diary...

Celebration Day
10th October - morning

School Photos
11th October

School Photos Mop up
12th October

INSET Day
13th October

Parents' Evenings
17th and 19th October

Market Day
18th October

Half Term
23-27th October

INSET Day
24th November

Christmas Fayre
8th December

Year 1/2 Christmas Cantata
12th December

Early Closing (optional)
15.12.22