

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have been able to come into school over the past few weeks to share in some festivities. The KS1 Nativity was a great success – well done to everyone for getting up on stage and taking part. We also enjoyed the annual pantomime trip (oh yes we did!) The children were well behaved and it was great fun!

The Year 2 team want to wish you all a lovely Christmas break and a happy new year.

Spring Term 2024

Your children will continue to be taught by Mr Warwick (Wildcats) and Miss Mathewson (Moorhens) from Monday to Friday, apart from alternative Mondays when the children will be taught by Mrs Godrich, Mrs Bishop and Mr Megson (sports coach).

The school gates open at 8:40am and register will be taken at 8:50am. If you are later than 9am, the gates will be closed and you will need to report to the front office. Your child will be marked as late.

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including plain black shoes or trainers, a white polo shirt and grey skirt/trousers. Children can wear a plain, stud earring in each ear if they wish. Hairbands should be plain and no other jewellery (necklaces/bracelets etc) should be worn.

At Home

Your child should be bringing home a reading book that is matched to their reading level.

It is vital that you read with you child at least 3 times a week and ask them questions based on what they have read. If your child has read the previous night, please return their reading record to school the following day to be checked.

Encouraging your child to read a range of different text types will foster a love of reading as well as develop their reading ability.

We have sent home the children's login details for Times Tables Rockstars. Please remember to keep practicing your times tables on TTRS as it helps their understanding in school. We are hoping to set battles next term between Year 2 classes (and other year groups!) to keep up the interest in practicing times tables.

Next half term we are trialing a new spelling scheme in Year 2. Your child will bring home words that they will be tested on the following week. Please spend time reviewing the sounds and practising how to spell the words together at home.



An Information Booklet for Parents and Carers Year 2

Staff Names:

Mr Warwick

Miss Mathewson

Mrs Godrich

Mrs Bishop

Miss Pickard

Mrs Hunter



What are we learning this half term?

In **English**, we will be completing some non-fiction learning based around *David Attenborough*. We will look at the book series *Little People, Big Dreams* in order to learn about his life and what he is passionate about. We will then be writing non-chronological reports about Sir David. We know that many Year 2 children are passionate about animals and nature so we are excited to begin this topic.

In **Maths**, we will begin by learning about money, including identifying different coins and notes. We will then learn about finding change. After, we will move onto multiplication and division. Practice on Times Table Rocks Stars at home will aid their understanding in school.

In **Science**, our topic of *Animals including Humans* which links well with our writing topic.

Our **Geography focus** for this half term is *Hot and Cold Places*. In **DT**, we will be learning about structures, including building our own structure using different joins.

Key Texts this half term

This half term, we are studying *Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough* and *Lila and the Secret of the Rain*

Contact

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, your first point of contact is one of the Year 2 class teachers. However, you can also contact us via the below email address:

KS1@tnhps.rklt.co.uk

Other concerns relating to absence, school uniform, lunches etc. should be directed to the school office. Please can all dinner choices be entered via the Arbor system, including packed lunches. If your child does not have a school meal selected, they will automatically be given a sandwich. If you need any support with this please contact the office.

Key dates

Friday 14th Feb – Learning Gallery from 2.15pm

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Monday 26th March – Year 2 class assembly (further details to follow)

Things to remember...

P.E Days

Year 2's P.E. days is **Monday and Thursday**. On this day, please wear your PE kit to school. PE kit is as follows: plain white t-shirt, school jumper (old or new), black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain trainers. PE will be outside throughout the year so children should be prepared for this weather.

Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons. Earrings that can't be removed should be taped over.

What to bring to school

All stationery is provided by school. Children should not bring pencil cases.

Ideally, children should bring bookbags each day so please avoid sending children in with large rucksacks as space in the cloakroom is limited.

Please only have one keyring on bookbags!

Toys or special mementos should not be brought in as they can be lost or broken.

Remember to bring a water bottle your name on every day!