



Welcome to Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter



Happy New Year to all our families.

All the children had a 2BM Brilliant and Marvellous and 2H Happy and Hardworking time in the autumn term and we are looking forward to even more wonderful lessons and experiences in the spring term.

We hope you find all the information on this newsletter useful.
Please share lots of it with your child.

Year 2 Staffing Team

2BM

Teachers: Mrs Barratt Monday to Wednesday
Mrs McVeigh Thursday and Friday.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Allison and Mrs McKinnon

2H

Teacher: Miss Harrower

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Ullah and Mrs Dandy

Mrs Booth HLTA

Start of the day and home time for Year 2

Start of the day - Children should be in the class line by 8:55

End of the day - 3:30

Both year two classes line up in the main playground.

Please ensure you bring your child to school on time in the morning and pick them up promptly at the end of the day.

What your child needs to bring to school

- A book bag rather than a rucksack
 - Shower proof coat every day even when dry and sunny
 - Water bottle
 - Packed lunch (unless they are having a school dinner)
- Reminder** Highfield is a **NUT FREE** school. Please do not send anything in containing nuts
- If it is hot, a sun hat. Please apply the once a day sun cream before school if needed.

**Please ensure your child's name
is on all of these items**

The Year 2 Spring Term Curriculum

English: We will;

- write stories based on the Little Red Train books
- write chronological reports and recounts including about Amy Johnson
- find facts from information books about trains
- write and perform poetry
- practise and improve technical reading, develop comprehension skills and learn about the structure of information texts

Grammar and Spelling: We will;

- use consistent tenses in our work
- use conjunctions in sentences (and, but, when and because,)
- use adverbs for time
- identify and write statements, commands and questions
- know how to write contractions and possessive apostrophes
- learn new phonic skills and spellings from the year 2 common exception word list
- continue to practice and test spellings at home using the online learning platform Seesaw

Maths: will include;

- learning the 2, 5, 10 times tables through practical work making groups, chanting, rapid recall and written calculations
- Division facts of 2, 5 and 10 e.g. 8 divided by 2 = 4 through practical work of sharing in groups, chanting, rapid recall, written calculation and understanding the relationship with times tables
- Adding two 2 digit numbers
- Subtracting two 2 digit numbers
- Fractions of shape and number $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$
- Counting, adding and subtracting amounts of money in £ and p.
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Lines of symmetry.
- Solving problems in all areas of maths.

Foundation Subjects:

Science: Materials, their properties and how they change

Geography: Maps

History: Transport

Art: Portraits

Design and Technology: Vehicles, designing and making models

Computing: Creating pictures

Music: Composition and music appreciation

RE: Religious stories, morals and leaders

PSHE: Boys, Girls and Families and Medicines and Me

PE: Ball skills and balancing, train dances

PE Days

- 2BM Monday & Friday
- 2H Tuesday & Friday

PE will very likely take place outdoors. Children must come to school in their PE kit on their two PE days. Children should wear school uniform on the other three school days.

PE Kit

White t-shirt, black / grey jogging bottoms, green school jumper or green Highfield hoodie and trainers not pumps.

Please do not send your child with lace up trainer unless they are able to tie them properly by themselves.

Reading Books

Your child will take two books home each week.

2BM change their reading books on a **Monday**

2H change their reading books on a **Tuesday**

Please ensure your child has their book bag and book in school on this day.

Spellings

New Spellings: **Friday**

Spelling lists will be put on Seesaw on a Friday. If you need a paper copy of the spellings, please put a note in your child's reading record book.

The spellings will be a mixture of phonic patterns and common exception words. These will be taught in school throughout the week.

In order to keep you informed of your child's spelling progress, please test your child on their spellings at home at the end of each week and upload a photo of their test or their test result on Seesaw for your child's teacher to view.

Remember to regularly look back at past spelling lists with your child to help them retain the spelling patterns. Thank you for supporting your child with learning their spellings.

Seesaw

Seesaw will continue to be used to send homework. Our main homework in year two will be the weekly spellings for you to practice with your child, but there may be other curriculum activities suggested to you throughout the year.

Parent Consultation

Wednesday 30th March

Thursday 31st March

These will be held on Microsoft teams after school.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss anything before this date

Other Diary Dates

- 2BM's class assembly - Wednesday 9th March
- 2BM's trip to York Railway Museum - Wednesday 2nd February
- 2F's class assembly - Wednesday 9th February
- 2H's trip to York Railway Museum - Thursday 27th January

- Friday 11th February - QUIZ NIGHT FRIENDS EVENT
- Friday 18th February - Training Day - School closed for children
- Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Ways to support your child at home

- Read to your child and listen to your child read. This can be reading comics, following recipes, sharing books, reading with you or grandparents, friends etc as well as reading the school books we send home
- Practise the spellings given out weekly with your child
- Go over previous weeks' spellings to ensure your child has retained the spelling pattern
- Practise cursive letter formation through fun activities such as in writing birthday cards, shopping lists
- Reinforce number bonds to ten and number bonds to 20
- Count forwards and backwards from any given number up to 100
- Practise adding and subtracting doubles and near doubles
- Let your child handle real money and use a range of coins to make different amounts
- Learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Recognise and name simple 2 and 3D shapes

There are lots of helpful links on the school website.

Go to Curriculum - Year Group Information - Year 2

With best wishes from all of the Year 2 Team.

