



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 2 PARENT INFORMATION



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September 2020

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Year 2 Staff

Ebony Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Wellbelove and Mrs Hussey (Fridays), Teaching Assistant: Mrs Parris
Elm Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Everest and Mrs Blackman (Thursday afternoons), Teaching Assistant: Mrs Tarran
Year 2 LSA: Mrs Manser
Leader of Learning for Woodlands Team (Y1 & Y2): Mrs Everest

PPA Cover (PE and Music) is **Thursday** mornings. This is covered by Mr Atkinson/Mrs Hill. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on a Thursday. Please wear warmer clothes (navy joggers) in the colder months and please take out earrings on a Thursday. Thank you .

Our Learning

During the course of the year our topics will be:

- Term 1 – All creatures great and small
- Term 2 – India
- Term 3 – How do you like to travel?
- Term 4 – Creative Cats
- Term 5 – The Great Fire of London
- Term 6 – Oh We do like to be beside the seaside

For the first few weeks we are spending time helping the children reconnect with each other and school life. We are also gauging where the children are in their Maths and English learning, so we can plan to fill any gaps. Please be reassured that we are taking things slowly whilst everyone settles back in to school life.

Learning is cross curricular and we will continue to focus on deepening understanding of Maths through the mastery approach and English skills. Children will be expected to write in Standard English and expectations of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be high.

We will continue to develop learning skills alongside our core values and curriculum. These skills enable children to become life long learners. The focus of these skills change every other term.

Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year when we have more clarification about what it is safe for schools to do.

Numbots and Timestables

Year 2 children can continue to use Numbots to play games which practice key maths skills. A reminder of their login is on a sticker at the front of their Reading Record books. It is also an expectation that children by the end of Year 2 know their 2, 5, and 10 times tables. Children will begin to be tested as part of the 'Times Tables Rock Stars Maths' after Christmas.

Learning at Home

Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and the contact book should be signed. Comments could include a couple of words they found tricky so they can be practised at home and school. Reading Scheme Books should be read more than once to aid fluency. Reading books will be changed once a week for the foreseeable future.

We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes, please record this on the bookmark too. Our target in **Year 2 is to read for at least 15 minutes per night.**

In addition to reading, we expect the children to learn and practise number bonds and weekly spellings. The children will also continue to have home learning . This needs to be completed and returned to school on a **TUESDAY** morning.

Water Bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday. In Year 2 fruit will be provided. They may also bring in a fruit snack from home for playtime. If it is cut fruit, please put this in a named container.

It's been wonderful to meet and welcome back all your lovely children to Year 2. We hope they have enjoyed coming to school and seeing their friends. We will be using the **Forest School area on Monday** afternoons every other week commencing Monday 21st September to support our Science learning. Make sure your child has a coat and wears old trainers or brings in named wellies that day. If it is pouring we possibly won't be going! We look forward to the year ahead.

Class Teacher Contact

As we are unable to have face to face contact with parents currently, we will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via our website. We may also call you from time to time. Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please write a note in your child's contact book. Alternatively, you can email their teacher. Please note that emails may not be checked during the day so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

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Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge