



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 2 PARENT INFORMATION



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September 2021

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Year 2 Staff

Ebony Class – Class Teacher: Miss Taylor Teaching Assistants: Mrs Tarran (Mon, Tues, Wed) and Miss Salisbury (Thurs, Fri)

Elm Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Hussey (Mon, Tues, Wed) and Mrs Edinburgh (Thurs, Fri), Teaching Assistant: Mrs Parris

Year 2 LSA: Mrs Craddock

Leader of Learning for Pinetum Team (Y1 & Y2): Mrs Edinburgh

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

This school year we have introduced a new Relationships & Health Education (RHE) curriculum called Jigsaw and we have been focusing on 'Being Me' this term. 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. 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.

Any trips or visits will be confirmed very soon as it looks like we will be able to resume these this year, albeit safely.

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.

Education City and Timestables

Year 2 children can continue to use Numbots/Times Table Rockstars to play games which practice key maths skills. They can also use Education city for Maths and English 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 be tested weekly as part of the 'Super Hero Maths' each Friday.

Learning at Home

Children should try to read daily and are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and the reading record book should be signed. Comments could include a couple of words they found tricky so they can be practised at home and school. Reading books need to be in school every day. Reading Scheme Books should be read more than once to aid fluency. Children will change their own reading books when needed.

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, times tables 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. Spellings will be checked on a Friday.

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 regularly in the** afternoons to support our Science learning. We will let you know in advance via Class Dojo if they need to bring in old trainers or wellies. We're really looking forward to the year ahead.

Class Teacher Contact

As we are limiting face to face contact with parents currently, we will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via Class Dojo. We may also call you from time to time. Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please send a message via Class Dojo. To report an absence, or to advise of a change in collection arrangements please contact the office via phone or ParentMail. Please note that Dojo's may not be checked during the day so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge