

Welcome to Year 2!



Here is everything you need to know about our daily timetable and the Year Two curriculum.

Year 2 Teachers:

Mrs Brokenbrow, Mrs Bleasdale and Mrs Gibbs

Teaching Routines



- Mrs Hilditch, Mrs Francis and Mrs Brocklehurst will be our Teaching Assistants across the three classes for this year, working with groups of children to ensure essential progress is achieved.
- During Friday afternoons, teachers will be out of class for planning and assessment time. The children will be taught Games/Dance by our sports coaches or PSHE by Mrs Brocklehurst our HLTA.



Curriculum

- We deliver an exciting curriculum based on the National Curriculum. Our writing is planned around a class book and writing opportunities are based on the text. In Maths we take a mastery approach where all children are given opportunities to dive deeper into real life maths problems.
- Age related expectations can be found on the website. (Click on tab 'Teaching and Learning' – 'Year Group' – 'Year 2')



Seesaw

- This year we are using Seesaw in Year 2.
- This is an online platform where children can add pictures and videos of their work.
Annotations and voice notes can be added to pictures by children.
- Each child has a folder which they can add work to.
- Only teachers and members of SLT from St. Thomas' will have access to these accounts.



PE and Games

- Children will come to school in their PE kit on a Friday as this is our PPA PE day.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit: white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, blue jumper (no hoods), trainers or pumps, long hair needs to be tied back.
- Indoor PE kit should be in school at all times as this may be required for other lessons. We will send this home at the end of each half term to be washed.
- Please feel free to check the lost property for missing items.
- To encourage the children's independence, we ask for your support in reminding your children to bring all their belongings with them at the end of the day. If they do forget something, we ask that only the children return to the classroom to retrieve it.



Reading

- It is essential that children bring their reading books to school on their reading day. Your child will be given their reading day when their books are sent home.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their individual reading books and library books on their reading day.
- The Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant will listen to your child read within a guided reading session each week as well.
- Guided reading will be a taught session and there will be a weekly focus on one of the different reading skills; vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval and sequencing.
- Please support your child by encouraging them to read on a daily basis, for a minimum of 10 minutes, and signing their Reading Record on a weekly basis.



Communication

- Information will be sent home via e-mail or the weekly bulletin.
- We may also use Class Dojo to communicate personally with you, so please check this regularly.
- If you want to speak to your child's Class Teacher personally or need to discuss a matter at length then please send a Dojo message or call the office to request an appointment at a mutually convenient time.
- Class Dojo is generally a useful communication tool for you to contact teachers about minor things. We aim to reply within 24 hours during work hours. If you have an urgent message or any after-school club related messages, you will need to ring the school office, as teachers do not check Dojo during teaching time and may be in meetings before or after school.



Whole School Messages

- If you would like to request time off for your child during term time, you must seek permission from Ms Loynes. Request forms can be found in the office or on the website. (Click on the tab 'Virtual Office'.)

We look forward to a wonderful year with your children, we will do our best to help them progress as much as possible!

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with your class teacher.