

Year 2 Information - 2019/2020

A big welcome to Year 2 from all staff:

2RR:	Mr Russell (Class Teacher and Year Group Leader), Mrs Mackenzie-Crook, Mrs Jeeves (Learning Support Assistant)
2YA:	Miss Ahmed (Class Teacher), Mrs Arlette, Mrs Teshome (Learning Support Assistant)
2AW:	Miss Colesa (Class Teacher)
Other:	Mrs Lefki (Learning Support Assistant), Miss Del Rio, Mr McKellow, Mrs Giovanelli (PPA staff)

Your child has now moved from Year 1 to Year 2. This is the second phase in your child's education known as Key Stage 1. We want to ensure that the transition from Year 1 to Year 2 is as stress free an experience for your child as possible and hope that the following information will help us all to work together to enable this to happen.

Uniform

School uniform - navy/grey trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses, navy jumpers or fleeces, white tops, black school shoes. No trainers, or shoes with laces please, unless your child can do them up. In the hot weather, sandals with a proper back can be worn (preferably with socks) and can be white, black or navy. Please make sure all your child's clothes are clearly marked with their full name and class. If you need to purchase any uniform, please speak to the school office.

Start of the Day

The children can enter their Year 2 classrooms from 8.45, and are expected to arrive by 8.55 when school starts. Parents are asked to say goodbye at the door, to ensure a smooth start to the day. If you need to communicate anything to the class teacher, please send in a written note, speak to them at the end of the day or leave a message in the office.

Please note that children are NOT permitted to use the playground equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons.

The School Day

Registration: 8.55. Literacy 9.05-10.05. Destination Reader 10.05-10.30. Break 10.30-10.50. Numeracy 10.50-11.45. Lunch 11.45-12.45. Other (Integrated Studies/Science/P.E/ICT) 12.45 - 1.45. Break 1.45-2.00. Other 2.00-3.00. Assembly 3.00-3.20

End of the Day

At the end of the day, at 3.30, the children are sent out to parents/carers through the classroom door. This is to avoid congestion and ensure children go with the correct adult. Please be patient when we are dismissing children.

If you are not collecting your child personally then please inform the class teacher and let them know the arrangement for that day as we CANNOT let children go with another carer without prior knowledge.

Learning and Assessment

Prior to the children beginning the new term, the Year 2 teachers have met with the Year 1 staff and have gone through each child's profile in detail. Therefore, the teachers know where your child is in their learning and what their next steps need to be.

We shall move on to the areas of learning taken from the New National Curriculum and Year 2 targets will be set. The activities will usually be adult directed, with some independent activities throughout the week. We use the objectives from the National Curriculum when we are planning our activities each week.

Reading

The children have time each week to concentrate on their reading skills during guided reading sessions. We have some volunteer reading helpers who will continue to hear children read. For children who are still on the school reading scheme, this will be when reading books are changed. Please bring in reading books every day as we cannot guarantee which day of the week this will occur.

Year 2 targets

By the end of Year 2 every child should be able to write a collection of sentences including a range of punctuation. Most children will be able to write several sentences at once, with adjectives, verbs and nouns used correctly. We concentrate on the children becoming independent spellers and on developing their joined handwriting script. In numeracy, we encourage the children to learn their number bonds to 20 and 100 and by the end of the year to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Topics

We begin the school year looking at our school values and code of conduct. Other topics this term are detailed in the Year 2 curriculum overview. Topics do change due to the needs and interests of the children. We will communicate upcoming topics and books in each week's homework to allow you to introduce the topic to your children if you so wish.

PE Lessons

The children are timetabled with weekly PE lessons, one inside and one outside. Please provide: white or blue t-shirt and blue shorts (indoor), navy sweatshirt and jogging trousers (outside), plimsolls/trainers - although we encourage bare feet for indoor sessions. All clothing must be clearly named so that it can be returned to the right child after the lesson. PE kits stay at school and will be sent home at the end of each half term to be freshened up! Sometimes the times for PE will change if the hall/outside area is being used which is why kit should be in school every day.

Homework

Homework is sent home on a Friday and will usually consist of a literacy and numeracy activity. There will also be a differentiated spelling list which children will be tested on weekly. This year, each child will have a homework book and the homework tasks will be available on the school website on the Year 2 page. Please return by the following Wednesday. If it is returned later, we cannot guarantee it being marked.

Please ensure that your child reads every day. It is also pivotal that they are read to and exposed to a variety of books to enrich their reading experience and foster a love of reading.

Show and Tell

We encourage the children to bring in items so that they can share with the rest of their class. Your class teacher will notify you on which day your child will have their turn.

Snacks

Children will continue having their fresh fruit snack. Water is available throughout the day, but the children can bring in their own labelled bottle if they wish. These stay in the classroom.

Medical

Any medicines must be taken to the Windsor Drive medical room. Throughout the year, many children have colds and coughs, therefore donations of boxes of tissues for the classes are always welcome.

Website

The Danegrove web address is www.danegroveschool.co.uk Here you will find copies of this newsletter, dates for your diary, curriculum information and the weekly Danegrove Newsletter.

Clubs

Breakfast Club and Play scheme operates at Windsor Drive every morning from 7.30am and after school until 5.45pm - (please speak to Mrs D O'Connor for more information).

Danegrove also offers clubs at lunchtime and after school. Please speak to the office for a full list.

Parent Volunteers:

As you may be aware, the government's cut to school's budgets have put a constraint on the number of support staff we are able to employ. As a result, teaching assistants have to be stretched further than they have been in the past.

Therefore, if you, or anyone else in your family, can volunteer at any time to help in the classrooms, particularly listening to children read, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to your child's teacher if you can help.

Many thanks for reading this term's newsletter; we hope to have a fantastic start to the year, where the children will be working hard and developing a love of learning. Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to Mr Russell, Miss Colesa or Miss. Ahmed however, please note that after school is always preferable

Year 2 team.