

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

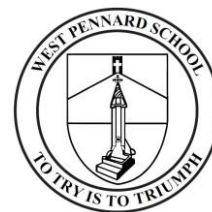


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and that this year will be a productive and enjoyable one for your child. As we begin the year, I would like to inform you of the routines and curriculum that your child will be following in Year 2.

Staff

Miss Laura Harding is our experienced and knowledgeable Teaching Assistant in Year 2 and I am really looking forward to working with her for the benefit of your children.

Homework

In Year 2 many children really do start to take off in their learning and we welcome your support with their home learning which will be as follows:

Reading

Reading is a vital skill and a key to learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Daily reading books will be provided for home learning and I hope that you will be able to support your child by hearing them read for approximately 10-15 minutes per night. All children will have a daily reading experience in school and when supported by an adult, this will be indicated in reading diaries. Please record page numbers and comments in the diary when you have heard your child read at home. All books will be changed as required and we will respond to any comments or concerns.

Home Learning Books

Each week the children will have a short piece of homework (predominantly mathematics) to reinforce the previous week's learning. This is very similar to the Year 1 homework and an explanatory note will be sent home with the home learning book on Wednesday 13th September. We recommend that this should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

Phonics and Spelling

Your child will be bringing home a spelling book every Tuesday with the current week's spellings written inside. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings and return the book in time for their spelling test on the following Monday.

This term the spellings will concentrate on the 'no no' words, a copy of which is attached.

If you have any concerns regarding homework, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Please ensure that reading bags, books, spelling books and reading diaries are in school every day and check bags for letters.

NB. We encourage the children to develop their independence in year 2 and do not routinely check reading bags. Please remind your child to hand in any important letters from home. Thank you.

Book bags are not required for enrichment Thursdays, which for this term are:

14th & 28th September, 12th October, 2nd, 16th & 30th November, 14th December.

Y2 Curriculum

The attached sheet gives an overview of the topic work that we will cover over the course of this term.

In English, we will be looking at different versions of 'The Little Red Hen' and undertaking an author study on Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring stories, recipes and poetry, making links to our topic of Somerset Traditions and in particular, Harvest Foods.

In Mathematics, we will be focusing on place value and the number system, as well as strategies for addition and subtraction. Children will build on knowledge from year 1 and begin to solve problems involving reasoning skills and explaining their thinking.

Health / Medical

If your child has a medical condition that you wish me to know about (e.g. they have an inhaler), please write a note to let us know. Thank you.

Similarly, if your child has any food allergy or intolerance that we need to know about, please let us know. There may be occasions during this term when we will be tasting foods, such as bread, corn and fruits.

Key Days

Monday – Spellings are tested.

Tuesday – New spellings are sent home. This may include additional phonics activities.

Wednesdays – Home learning is set and handed in on the following Wednesday.

Fridays – Swimming kits required.

P.E kits should be in school at **all times**.

I hope this information has been useful. If you are concerned about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me or put a note in your child's reading diary.

Your children will be working hard this year, but I hope that they will have a lot of fun and develop a true love of learning as we work together. I am very excited to be teaching in Year 2 and look forward to getting to know your children well over the coming weeks.

Thank you for all your anticipated support and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind Regards,

Alison Warner