



Welcome to Year 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you to our Year 2 class. Things may be a little different this year but I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer. We are excited to be starting our new topic "Flames and Fireworks" and are sure to have great fun learning.

Reading



On an allocated day (please see attached note) your child will read with me and a book will be sent home. This book will be for **reading at home**. Please sign the reading diary to confirm that your child has read at home, as books will only be changed if the record has been signed. Also, you are welcome to record any comments about your child's reading. I am happy to send additional books as requested. Children's reading levels will be reviewed in September and a coloured book-band will be allocated, which may be different to their previous colour band.

Children may receive the same book twice and this is to consolidate comprehension and word recognition skills.

Please note that unless your child brings a school book bag, the reading books and records will remain in school.

I will hear your child read in school each week independently and through whole class reading sessions. These sessions aim to provide more focused teaching of reading and comprehension skills. Pupils will also take part in daily phonic sessions to consolidate their blending and segmenting skills.

Therefore, it is vital that your child reads as much as possible at home to make good progress to improve comprehension, word recognition, spelling and to have fun!

Homework

Homework this term will go out on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday please.

Homework will focus mainly on key skills such as spelling, reading and number work e.g. times tables. If a project is sent home to be completed e.g. for history or science, it will be optional and a much longer time scale will be given to ensure it is manageable for pupils and families. Your support with homework is greatly appreciated.

Spellings



During this half term, spellings will focus on common exception words (a list of which can be accessed on our school website) as revision sessions. These key spellings will be continually reinforced in class, as we have found that often children learn spellings for the test, but do not use the correct spelling in independent writing tasks.

We recommend spending a little time practising each day to help your child to remember the spellings. As an added challenge, ask your child to write each spelling in an interesting sentence or story!





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PE

Year 2 will take part in regular PE activities. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times with all items clearly labelled. This includes a PE top and shorts/jogging trousers and appropriate footwear.

Please note earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Also, for the continued health and safety of our pupils, we are aiming to be an 'earring free' school. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.



Can I help?

We understand that this year may be challenging and daunting for pupils as they become used to new hygiene routines and different classroom layouts. Please rest assured that I will do everything to ensure that your children find school a safe, fun and welcome environment in Year 2.

If you have **any** concerns or questions about your child's progress or [anything else](#), please contact the school via email or telephone. I am always happy to help and want to work with you to ensure your child becomes the best they can be in Year 2!



SATS and Phonic Screening

In the summer term, pupils will sit the Key Stage One SATS examinations (Reading, Maths and an optional Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper). The tests will be administered in May in a relaxed environment. Our aim at Bournmoor Primary is that pupils achieve their potential and reach their individual goals. Once the tests are marked, pupils will be given a scaled score. A scaled score of 100 or above means that the child is working at the expected standard and a score below 100 allows Year 3 teachers to know that pupils will require additional support when moving to the Key Stage Two curriculum. Please note that more information regarding SATS will follow.

Due to the closing of schools in March 2020, pupils did not have the opportunity to complete the phonic screening check during June 2020. Therefore, the DFE have advised that the screening takes place this year. Pupils will receive daily phonic sessions, phonic activities and homework tasks in preparation for this.



Thank you for your support.
Mrs Kershaw