

Hannah Ball School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks in Year 2! Year 2 is an exciting time as the children are now nearing the end of Key Stage 1.

Over the course of the year, the children will be studying exciting new topics, exploring a variety of texts and hopefully going on visits throughout the year to help support their learning in the classroom.

The Year 2 team

Please be aware that Mrs. Wingfield and Mrs Pascal are the Learning Support Assistants in Year 2 and will be working with the class, small groups and individual children on a daily basis. We work very closely together and communicate daily, so please feel free to speak to either of us if you have any concerns.

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. No trainers should be worn on non-PE days. If your child is unable to tie laces, please provide them with Velcro shoes if possible. **All uniform must be named.** If earrings are worn because your child has recently been pierced, then they should be covered by tape. Otherwise no earrings should be worn. Long hair should be tied back neatly. Headscarves should be black or white. Children in Year 2 do not need to wear a tie.

PE

Please make sure your child comes into school prepared each day. **PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday.** Please ensure your child wears the correct kit to school.

If your child cannot take part for a particular medical reason, then please make sure you write a note for the teacher.

<u>Indoor P.E</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E</u>
Black plimsolls	Trainers (any colour)
White T- shirt	Black jogging bottoms (trousers/leggings)
Black shorts	White T-shirt
	Black sweatshirt or jumper (no zips or hoods)

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Attached is this term's topic overview. We will share curriculum topic overviews with you at the beginning of each half term. These can also be found on our website under class areas. In addition to topic overviews, you can also access knowledge organisers under class areas. Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key facts and essential knowledge that pupils need about a topic or a curriculum subject. We hope these will be a really clear and easy way for you as parents to be more aware of what your children are learning at school and thus help you support them.

Reading books and Planners

These should be in a school book bag and brought into school **every day**. Planners will be checked daily and reading books changed as necessary. Please make sure you record any reading your child does at home in their planner, otherwise their books will not be changed. The expectation is that your child will read to an adult at home every day. These planners will also act as a home school diary, however if there is something immediate that the class teacher should know, and then please inform us or the office before school.

In addition to their reading book, your child will also have the opportunity to visit the school library for extra reading books that interest them. They can also share these books with you at home.

Homework

(See Homework Guidance attached)

Spelling

Key stage 1 children have the year 1 and 2 common exception words in their planners. Year 2 spellings will also be sent home to reflect the learning that has taken place at school. At home, children should practice writing sentences with the spelling words as this helps them to understand the meaning of the words and how to use them in context.

Fruit

In KS1, children are provided with a piece of fruit for their break time. However, if they wish, they can bring in their own fruit snack for their break time from home. This must be a piece of fruit or a vegetable.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,

Miss Peters