

Welcome to Year 2!

Class Teachers:

Miss O'Brien, Mrs Kitney, Mrs Staines

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Watts and Mrs Best







Homework

- One piece of Literacy/Topic or Maths every week
- Children take their homework home on a Friday
- To be handed back in by Tuesday
- Homework to be completed in homework books unless otherwise stated (via home contact book)



Spellings and Reading





- Reading at home at least 3 times a week to be signed by an adult in contact books.
 - Please write and sign how many minutes the children have read on a Wednesday on the Buster Book Club bookmark (this can include adults reading to the child or listening to a story CD).
 - Spellings will begin to be sent home every Friday along with homework. These will then be tested the following Friday.
 - Children to become independent and change their reading books themselves – book choices will be checked where possible at school to ensure correct reading level books
 - Importance of discussions during reading books together - bookmarks
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Times Tables

- Times tables – regular practice, rote, quick fire games (2s, 5s, 10s and beginning 3s times tables by end of Year 2)
- Children to practice related division facts to times tables as well e.g. $2 \times 5 = 10$ and $10 \div 5 = 2$
- Times tables checkers homework – 3 columns, stop after 3 minutes and record the score. Progress will be seen quickly. Please mark at home and give your child a score out of 30 so they have instant feedback.



Contact Books

- Checked every morning
 - Messages from you to us and us to you
 - Please sign any messages that we have written to show that you have see them
 - Please remember to sign to say that your child has read and fill minutes on Buster Book Club bookmark on a Wednesday
 - If you see GR, a stamp or initial in contact book, this indicates your child has read in a group with the class teacher or individually to the class teacher
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PE Kit





- Children will need their PE kits on Mondays and Wednesday, please ensure it is in school ready for these days from after school clubs etc.
- Blue PE t-shirt, blue or black shorts, plimsolls or trainers (outside), bare feet or plimsolls (inside)
- Tracksuits or sweatshirts may be worn when cold, preferably blue or black
- Hair tied back, children need to be able to take their earrings out for PE, no jewellery
- If your child cannot do PE, a note must be written in the home contact books by parents
- No swapping or lending PE kits to other children

SATs and Christmas Performance

- Children are aware of SATs but no pressure is put on them – Secret Agent Training Service will continue again this year during SATs
- May 2018
- SATs consultations nearer the time
- Scripts will be given out for the Christmas Performance during October half term for children to practise ready for auditions after the half term
- Dates of Christmas Performances should be released soon – check website/ newsletters
- We will need adult helpers to walk to church to watch KS2 singing – will ask for volunteers nearer the time



Ways to Help at Home

- Times table practice
 - **Regular** reading and asking questions about what is happening in the stories etc.
 - Ensure homework is completed and handed in
 - Visits to library to research topics
 - When using internet research, aid children in safely finding key points
 - Visit places of interest
 - **Encourage independence**
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Questions?