



Herons Way, Thatcham,  
 Berkshire RG19 3SR  
 Tel: 01635 866700  
 Email: office@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk  
 Web: www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Y2 Welcome Letter**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 2. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information about routines and expectations in Year 2.

**This term's curriculum**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Maths</b>	Place value/Addition and Subtraction
<b>English</b>	Types of sentences, conjunctions, verbs, nouns and adjectives
<b>Science</b>	Animals including humans
<b>History</b>	Scott of the Antarctic
<b>Geography</b>	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? (comparing life in the UK with Kenya)
<b>Art</b>	3D Nature Sculptures
<b>D.T</b>	Mechanisms
<b>R.E</b>	Special – The Hindu Story of Ganesh/Symbols - Light as a Symbol
<b>PSHE</b>	Me and My Relationships/Valuing Difference
<b>Music</b>	Hands, Feet, Heart/Ho Ho
<b>Computing</b>	Online Safety and Creating Pictures (Purple Mash)
<b>P.E</b>	Hockey/Tag Rugby/Fitness and team building games

**Reading**

Your child has already been issued with a phonics reading book and their reading record. We hope to change their books every Monday but please ensure they bring their reading wallets to school every day. We will be reading with your child at school and recording any comments in their reading record as a way of communicating their reading successes, and sometimes words or sounds to practise at home. When you read with your child at home, please spend time looking at the cover together and discussing what you both think might happen by using the title and pictures. You can also practise some of the key words/sounds on the inside of the front cover. When reading the book, please encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to solve any unknown words. The books will also contain some common exception words which are words we just need to learn by sight. We would encourage you to ask your child to re-read each book as there are lots of benefits to this; they build understanding of the story, start to remember tricky words by sight and they can become more fluent at blending new words thus hearing themselves as readers and gaining confidence. It would be fantastic if you could listen to your child read at least three times a week.

Children will be receiving sapphire gems for reading at home. Please do also continue to use the comments section in their reading record to communicate any success or concerns at home.

### **Library**

Every Thursday the children will have a visit to the school library to select a book to bring home. Please make sure that your child returns their library book each week so that they can be issued with a new one.

### **Homework**

In year 2 we ask you to regularly read with your child at home – at least three times a week. To develop your child's rapid recall of number bonds, please also encourage your child to complete 10 minutes of Numbots each week (username and password attached to the front cover of your child's reading record). It is a pictorial maths program that builds challenge the more your child plays it. You can download the free Numbots app or use the website [www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com).

### **P.E.**

In Year 2, PE will be taught on Mondays and Thursdays and will be indoors and outdoors. Children must bring their PE kits to school as they will now be getting changed at school for PE. We will send their kits home at the end of each half term. If your child wears earrings please ensure you provide tape to cover their earrings for safety during P.E.

### **Additional Equipment**

We still provide Year 2 children with the stationery that they will need for their learning at school. Therefore, your child does not need to bring their own stationery nor pencil case into school.

### **Wellies**

If you haven't done so yet, please bring in a named pair of wellies that can be kept in the Year 2 shed (by the field). These wellies can be worn at lunchtime when it is wet or muddy. If your child does not bring in wellies they may not be allowed to take play in some of our areas (field, garden, meadow).

### **School Uniform Policy**

Please remember that if your child has long hair, it all needs to be tied up with school colour hairbands. Hair and hair accessories can be a distraction to their learning.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the classroom door or via email ([year2@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:year2@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk))

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alcock and Mrs Hawkins

Year 2 Teaching Team