



Welcome to Year 2!



Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer and the children are excited for the new challenges that Year 2 has to offer. Mrs Hall, Mrs Broster and I are looking forward to working with your children again this year and we are confident we will be able to 'hit the ground running' and have an exciting and productive year. To enable me to complete my SENCo responsibilities, our newly appointed teacher, Mrs Leaney, will also be joining our team and will teach Year 2 on a Thursday morning alongside Mrs Hall and Mrs Broster. Mrs Hall will continue to teach the class in the afternoon alongside Mrs Marshall (who will also continue to be our lunch time supervisor).

Our first topic in Year 2 will be '**Movers and Shakers**' (significant individuals who have had a major impact on the world). As always, if you have any queries please come and see me (at the top of the steps!) before or after school. Alternatively, you can email me using our new class email address 'year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk' and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Miss Barnes

Important Reminders:

- Please ensure children's book bags are small enough to fit in their drawers.
- All children will need a pencil case containing colouring crayons, an eraser and a pencil sharpener.
- Please send children to school with a healthy snack for the first week of school.
- If possible, please provide a small named hand sanitiser bottle for children to use in between washing their hands.

PE

This term, we are focussing on ball skills in our PE lessons. These lessons will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoon. However, this year, we would like the children to keep their PE kits (indoor and outdoor) **in school** as we will have more space in our cloakroom due to the children keeping their book bags in their drawers.

Outdoor P.E. Kit: trainers, black or blue tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, black or blue sweatshirt.

Indoor P.E. Kit: black pumps, black or blue shorts, blue or white t-shirt
Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. Children will need to remove their earrings for the lesson - we cannot assist with this.

Forest School

We are hoping to be able to start our Forest School sessions again after the October half term. We will be having two PE lessons (one with our sports coach) this half term instead.

The Peg System

We will continue to use our peg system to promote positive behaviour but we have adapted it to make it more appropriate for Year 2. All children will begin the day on 'Ready to learn'. Those children with their pegs at the top of the chart at end of the day will receive a sticker on our class chart. Every third time they reach the top of the chart they will receive a small reward. Those children with their pegs at the bottom of the chart will be given 5 minutes time out at break or lunch time to think about their choices. We will also continue to have individual sticker charts and our pompom jar to earn a whole class treats for displaying good teamwork 😊

Library

Our Library session will be on a **Wednesday** morning. Your child will have the opportunity to choose a new library book every other week. Please ensure your child has their library book in their book bags every Wednesday should they wish to return their books.

Tricky Words

We will continue to send words home for children to practise reading and spelling. When children are able to read and spell all of the Year 1 words fluently in school, we will send out a new list of Year 2 words for them to learn.

We will assess children on their words over the next few weeks and send out the appropriate words for them to practise at home. Please ensure children's tricky words are kept in their new reading wallets.

Phonics

As you are aware, the children did not sit the Year 1 phonics check due to it being cancelled and we have not yet been informed if Year 2 children will need to complete the check this academic year instead.

In Year 2, we continue to use phonics to decode unfamiliar words but we begin to focus more on identifying spelling patterns. However, it would be still be beneficial for children to continue to practise reading their sound cards to support their reading and ensure they are ready for the phonics check if it is arranged for later in the year.

Wow Wall

If your child completes a piece of work in any subject that makes us say WOW, it will be displayed on our wall. They will then be given a little reward note, informing you of their achievement.

Reading

We are continuing to ask parents to read with their children at least five times per week in order for them to reap the full benefits. We would appreciate if you could write in your child's diary when your child reads with you at home along with any comments about their ability to read and understand the book. Likewise, we will write in the diary when your children have read with us at school. This is a perfect opportunity for us to communicate about your child's reading progress.

Children will receive a sticker and be entered into our weekly reading raffle for reading 5 times or more. Our first reading raffle will be: **Friday 4th September**



Homework

Your child will receive a new homework book (which can be kept in their book bags) for them to complete any homework set, along with any additional work they wish to do at home. Your child will receive one piece of homework per week. Homework will continue to be set on a **Friday** but it will now be due in the following **Wednesday**. Children will receive a sticker for completing their homework early ☺ Please note, we will not be setting any 'My Choice' homework this term.

Our New Classroom

