

Parent Welcome Session



Welcome from the Team

Year 2



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Curriculum Overview for this half-term

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 2 / Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our Year 2 pupils and their families! We hope that you had an enjoyable break over the summer and we look forward to working with you over the coming terms.



An example of what your children will be doing later in the term to launch our main topic.

Home Learning

We expect all children to read at home to an adult at least 4 times a week. This could be their school reading book, library book or a book from home.

Maths home learning can be completed using the Numbots or Times Table Rock Stars app (log in details are in your child's reading diary) to practise arithmetic skills or simple activities linked to your daily routines. For example card games, counting cars that drive past or adding prices in the supermarket.

Key vocabulary

Culture	The language, customs and ideas of a group of people.
Population	The group of people who live in a place.
Landmark	An important building or feature of a place.
Natural	Produced by nature; not made by humans.
Human-made	Made or formed by humans; not natural.
Agriculture	Farming
Climate	The usual weather for a place.

Upcoming Dates

8th September - Parent welcome meeting 3pm

Week beginning 15th September - Clubs begin

14th October - Workshare 3pm

14th and 15th October - Individual and sibling photographs

23rd October - Harvest Assembly and end of Autumn 1 term

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday

Library day is Wednesday

Topic: Our Fine City: Norwich

This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning this half-term. Our main topic will be investigating and comparing Shanghai and Norwich.



English	PE	RE
As writers we will: ★ Learn how to use descriptive vocabulary to describe characters and settings ★ Learn to write our own version of a fairy tale ★ Extend sentences using conjunctions such as 'and', 'but', 'or' and 'because' ★ Begin to use expanded noun phrases in our writing As readers we will: ★ Continue learning our 'special friends' using Read Write Inc phonics ★ Apply our knowledge of phonics to read fluently ★ Learn to answer questions about what we have read	As athletes we will: ★ Focus on developing coordination, footwork and balances	As theologists we will: ★ Explore the question: Why is light an important symbol for Hindus?
Maths	Music	RHE
As mathematicians we will: ★ Count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s ★ Compare and order numbers ★ Use fact families to learn related number facts ★ Add and subtract 10 from any number between 0-100 ★ Add together three single digit numbers ★ Add and subtract numbers which bridge 10	As musicians we will: ★ Explore simple rhythmic and melodic patterns	To understand ourselves and others we will: ★ Recognise our strengths and achievements and set simple but challenging goals. ★ Recognise how we grow and will change ★ Use 'Zones of Regulation' to support our understanding of how we are feeling

A paper copy of the half term curriculum newsletter will be sent home every half term.

It will also be available on the school website.

Curriculum Overview for this half-term

ay May I play? 	ee What can you see? 	igh Fly high 	ow Blow the snow 
oo Poo at the zoo 	oo Look at a book 	ar Start the car 	or Shut the door 
air That's not fair 	ir Whirl and twirl 	ou Shout it out 	oy Toy to enjoy 
kn Knock, knock, who's there? 	ck Tick tick clock 	wh Whisk, whisk 	ph Take a photo 

ea Cup of tea 	oi Spoil the boy 	a-e Make a cake 
i-e Nice smile 	o-e Phone home 	u-e Huge brute 
aw Yawn at dawn 	are Care and share 	ur Nurse with a purse 
er A better letter 	ow Brown cow 	ai Snail in the rain 

oa Goat in a boat 	ew Chew the stew 	ire Fire, fire! 
ear Hear with your ear 	ure Sure it's pure 	tion Pay attention, it's a celebration! 
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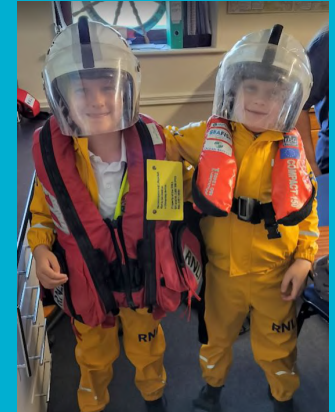
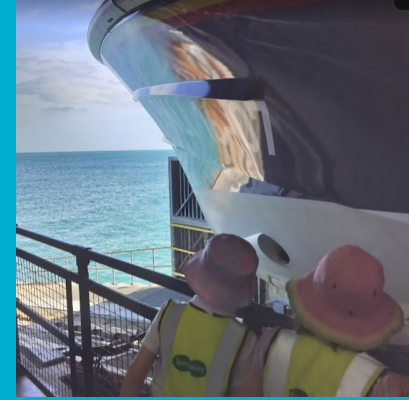
- Streamed phonics will continue in Year 2
- Children's reading books will match their phonics level
- When children have completed the phonics programme they will complete a 'STAR Reader' quiz which will inform which banded book level they move on to

Annual Year 2 Trips

Snettisham Park Spring Term



Cromer Summer Term



Supporting Learning at home

HOME LEARNING

1 | Read for a star



To help your child make good progress in their reading, we encourage you to read with your child at least four times a week and to log this in their reading diary. They will receive certificates during the year to celebrate their reading at home.

2 | Marvellous Maths

The aim of Marvellous Maths is to encourage your child to do a fun mathematical activity four times a week. This may be helping them with number bonds, practising telling the time and measuring ingredients whilst cooking.

3 | Year 2 Home Learning

- Reading four times a week
- Maths:
 - Numbots or Times Table Rock Stars (log in details in reading diary)
 - Maths in daily routine

Supporting Learning at home

An example of a completed week in a reading diary:

We encourage children to read their RWInc or banded book at home but they could also read a range of other books for example: their library book, a nonfiction book, a picture book from home or children's magazine.

Week 3 Commencing 18th September 2023	
Read For a Star Which book(s) am I reading this week? Stuck in Fog	
Marvellous Maths This week I'm working on... Numbers 10 - 100	
Reading Stuck in Fog P1-4	Maths Numbots
Reading Stuck in Fog - green words and red words	Maths Played snap
Reading Stuck in Fog - practised 'Fred in your head'	Maths Times table rockstars (10x table)
Reading Read library book - Look UP!	Maths Measured ingredients for baking
Reading Read stories at bedtime	Maths Counted cars on the way to school
Weekend Spelling games + adding money	
Comments:	



1 | PE Days

PE lead by class teachers will be on **Tuesdays**.

PE lead by Mr Moon will be on **Wednesdays**.



2 | Library Day

Library Day will be on **Wednesdays**.

Children will need to bring their library book in to get a new book to take home each week.



3 | Assemblies

Every week, we have a Monday morning assembly with Mr. Cross to start the week. We also have a weekly singing assembly and a celebration assembly on Friday.

Year 2 children will have a class Show and Share Assembly later in the year. We will let you know in good time when this will be taking place.

Our School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and we expect all children to wear it with pride. For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery in school, apart from studded earrings (which should be covered during PE and swimming).

Uniform	PE Uniform (in named bag)
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)	Shorts and purple polo shirt
White shirt/polo shirt	Trainers for outdoor PE
Black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts	
Dark trainers/flat sensible shoes	



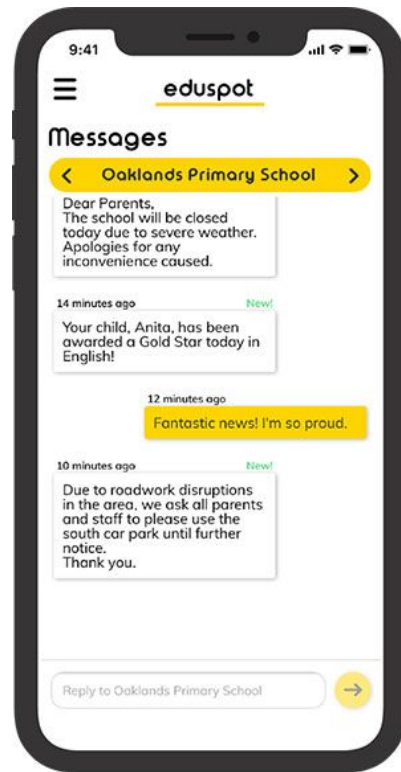
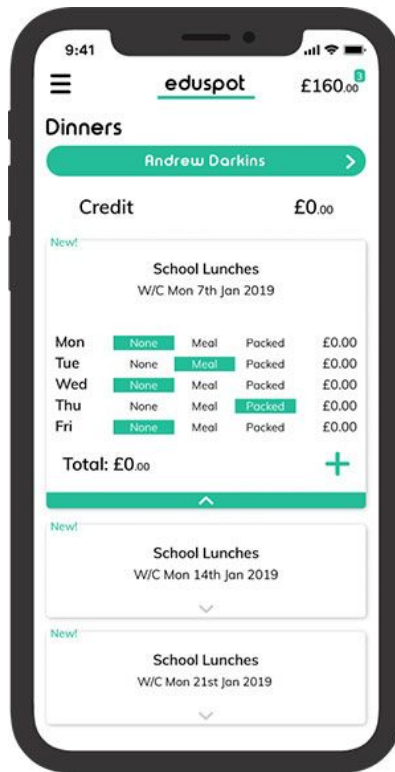
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How we keep in touch with you

Year 2 Blog Posts



Year 2 – Smoothie Making
12th July 2023

In DT this half term Year 2 have completed a smoothie-making project. First they taste tested smoothies so that they could decide which fruits they liked best. Then they designed their own recipes and wrote out which ingredients they would need. Finally they made their smoothies, carefully cutting the fruit and adding it to the container before it was blended. Then they got to



Year 2 – PE
29th June 2023

This half term Year 2 have been enjoying developing their throwing, aiming and agility skills in PE. This week they took part in a carousel of activities to practise what they've learnt. They even challenged themselves to adapt the activities to make them trickier!



Year 2 – Online Author Visit
23rd June 2023

Year 2 had an exciting morning today when they took part in an online author visit with Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adesola. The children listened to Nathan and Dapo read their new book 'Speak Up!' and then took part in a quiz. After that, Dapo taught the children how to draw the bookworm from



Monthly Newsletters

Year Group Blog Pages

Curriculum Newsletter
Year 2 / Autumn 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all of our Year 2 pupils and their families! We hope that you had an enjoyable break over the half term and hope to hear from you when you see the starting terms. Please keep an eye out for any postcard messages as they will give you a chance of communicating with us.

Key vocabulary

area	A flat or which vehicles can travel.
checkbox	A frame on which a vehicle is built.
down	Woolen robe used to make clothing.
flexible	Resilience when you design an object.
down	The Hindu Festival of Lights.
material	What objects are made from.
usability	Having properties for a specific function.
properties	Your a material & its use from an experiment.

Home Learning

In year 2 pupils are expected to read their school 'Read Big Book' at least 4 times per week at home for 10 minutes. Please send in your child's reading diary for them to use when they read their 'Read Big Book' at home.

The school has now subscribed to the online maths app **Number** and **Times Table Rock Stars**. There can be downloaded by the Year 2 parent email at home. We will then communicate and promote to use it at home. Apps can be found in the list of their classes. If you are not signed up to complete all of these tasks please let us know as soon as possible. Please remind the children to read at home so they can earn their 'Marvellous Maths' awards.

Upcoming Dates

40th 22 & 40th 22 - Whole School Reading: Reading appointments

19th 22 - Remembrance Assembly (CRD/RE only)

19th 22 - End of Term Curriculum Day (see end of term today)

4th 22 - 19th 22 - Year 2 Holiday performance

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Newsletter

June 2023



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Reminder: Sports Day 2023



Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year. We have lots planned, including our Year 2 trip to Cronin, a day of water sports at Whittingham broads for Year 3 and Year 5 are off to Eaton Valley today for their residential trip!

I hope parents and carers can join us for our upcoming sports day and summer fair, organised by the Friends of GHPS.

Mr Matthew Cross
Headteacher

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we get warmer weather this half term please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream. It's also recommended to apply sun cream at home and send your child to school with extra sun cream so they can re-apply.



We are looking forward to parents and carers joining us for our annual sports day event. Like last year, this will take place on the main field (weather dependent) and you will be able to access the site from the side gate by the main entrance. Parents and carers are welcome to attend on the following sessions:

15th June - Years 1, 2 and 3	9.15 - 11.30am
15th June - Years 4, 5 and 6	12.30 - 2.45pm
16th June - Nursery	AM - 10.50am PM - 2.20pm
16th June - Reception	9am

Earth Day 2023

Miss Taylor helped to lead our whole-school Earth Day event in May. Children found out more about the impact of littering on the environment. In the afternoon buddy classes met up to complete 'No - Mow May' posters, which have been placed in our outdoor classroom.



Year 3 Wraps



JUL 10

Hedgehog Music Performance



JUL 07

Today Oct 9 – 15, 2023

Monday, October 9

all-day • School Photos

Tuesday, October 10

all-day • School Photos

Friday, October 13

all-day • Curriculum Day

Online Calendar on our website

Workshares

Every half-term, we are inviting you into your child's classroom to have a browse of the learning they have done across subjects and to celebrate their achievements to date. These last 30 minutes and take place from 3 - 3.30pm.



Snack and Lunchtimes

Packed Lunches

This is eaten in the school hall with the other children. As a 'healthy school' we do not permit fizzy drinks or sweets.

School Lunches

There is a always hot dinner, vegetarian jacket potato and cold lunch option.

Children really enjoy trying a range of foods, with our roast Wednesdays and fish and chip Friday always a hit!

You can order your child's lunch in advance on our school app.

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THANK YOU

Mid-morning Break

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free fruit and Reception children also receive Milk. Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack into school for their mid-morning break. This could be fruit, yoghurt or cheese. Please do not supply chocolate, sweets or crisps for mid-morning snack.

Water Bottles

Children should bring in a 'named' water bottle for use during the school day. This should be filled with water only - no squash, juices or fizzy drinks in school.

Week One School Lunch Menu
Spring - Summer Menu 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	St Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sticky Chicken with Savoury Rice	Fish Fingers
Served with	Sweetcorn	Pasta Bites and Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Celeriac	Mixed Salad	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Cocoa Cupcake	Fresh Fruit Selection	Summer Berry Muffin	Vanilla Ice Cream	Zesty Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges

Helpful Hints: [Click here](#)

Week One: 11 Apr | 8 May | 5 June | 26 June | 17 July | 14 Sept | 6 Oct

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Why attendance is important



1 | Secure Relationships

Children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend school.

2 | Self-esteem

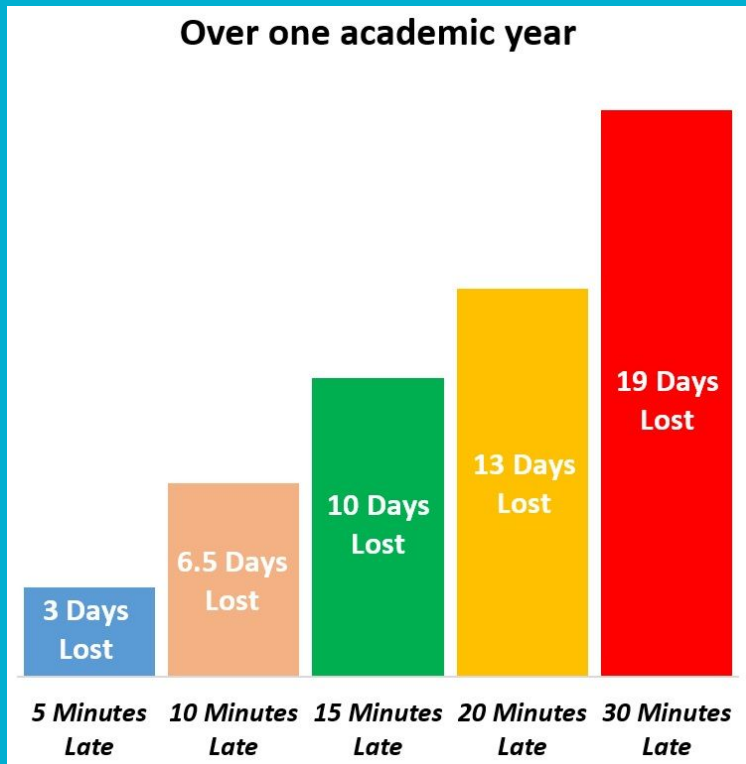
Children who rarely miss school and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children.

3 | Learning and development

Teachers plan lessons that build on previous knowledge. If children are absent from school regularly, they are at risk of having gaps in their learning.

Every minute counts

(figures below are calculated over a school year)



Top tips for improving attendance

- ★ Speak positively about school at home.
- ★ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ★ Help your child get their clothes and bag ready before they go to bed.
- ★ Set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep.
- ★ Speak to staff at school if you would like more support.

Any Questions?

