

Parent Helpers

We rely greatly on your support at home for the learning of the number facts and reading fluency.

Whilst we endeavour to do as much practice as we can in school, we would also be VERY grateful to any parent or grandparent who could spare even 1 hour per week, to boost pupils' confidence in some or all of these key skills. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer your time to help in school.

Key dates for Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 25th September: Autumn Disco

Friday 26th September: Macmillian Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1st October: School Nurse drop in for parents

Thursday October 9th—local area geography fieldwork

Wednesday 15th October: Individual Photo Day

Wednesday 24th October: Break up for Half term

Monday 3rd November: INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November: Start of Autumn 2

Thursday 6th November—Local area Victorian walk

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November: Parents Evening

Friday 28th November: Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December—Victorian Living History Dressing up Day for Year 2

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December: KS1 Nativity

Friday 19th December: Break up for Christmas

Monday 5th January: Start of Spring 1

Welcome to Year 2



**Your Year 2 team are;
Miss James, Mrs Wilson,
Mrs Cotterill, Miss Johnson and Mrs
Johnson**

WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

The children have made an excellent start settling into Year 2. We plan to do many exciting topics this year and are beginning with a look at our local area, followed by a study of plants. Our history focus will see us finding out about how Heald Green has changed in the last 150 years and later in the term we shall be working on Anti Bullying activities.

English

Our English will be based around some lovely stimuli. We begin by looking at the fairy tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' which we hope will be a nice story with a familiar setting and theme. The children will also be completing a piece of instructional writing. Our aim will be to ensure the children have a solid understanding of the different sentence structures; statements, commands, exclamations and questions. Phonics will be taught in ability based groups for half an hour each day.

Maths

This half term we will ensure that the children are able to read, write and order numbers to 100 and to count on and back in steps of 1 and 10 from ANY given number (including crossing 100) We will also look at naming of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. During science we shall be gathering and reading data during experiments set by the children themselves. The production of graphs, from this data collection, links to the maths curriculum.

Dojos

The children work towards dojo points, which can be earned for a number of different skills and behaviours. You are invited to access these in order to have an up to date record of how your child is getting on. We will also use this site to update you on any information and timetable changes that may be relevant to our year group. Teachers will also be available after school to answer any questions. If you have any further queries these can be emailed to KS1@etchells.stockport.sch.uk which Mr Cope or Miss Pennill will respond to.

Homework

Topic - The children will be given a number of topic based homework challenges every half term. They should complete at least one creative and one written task; but may do as many as they like. These can be brought in on any day or saved into your child's portfolio on class dojo. We will share the work at regular intervals, to enable the children to develop their presentation and speaking and listening skills.

Reading - In school your child will read once every two weeks in a group reading session and at least once per week independently with an adult. The reading book to share at home should be changed when your child has finished it. **It is anticipated that every child in Year 2 should be reading to an adult at least three times per week at home.** Please ensure that you sign in the reading diary each time you have read with your child as they will only be able to change their books when an adult has noted that they have completed the previous book.

Spellings - The children will work on spellings in school. The words are from the National Curriculum spelling list for Year 1 and Year 2. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to be able to spell all the words on the Year 1 and 2 common exception word list, which is available on our webpages; as well as to use a range of spelling rules. Where a child has been identified as having greater difficulty in reading and/or spelling, the school purchases an individual programme, NESSY, to support these needs. Please encourage your child to use this programme regularly if it is made available to you.

Number facts - In Year 2 the children are expected to know several different number facts by heart (this means they no longer have to work them out on their fingers, but can give an answer immediately) as well as having instant recall of all doubles and halves to 24. Please help your child to access 'hit the button' or similar Apps, to practise these facts regularly. We want children to be able to quickly respond to questions such as 6 equals 2 + 4. Year 2 are no longer expected to 'know' times tables, but we will continue to count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Snacks

The children should bring a named, filled water bottle every day. They can also have a healthy snack at break time.

Strictly no nuts please as we have pupils in school with severe allergies.



PE

This term we shall be doing gymnastics and outdoor invasion games with MCFC (weather permitting) Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit on designated PE days so they are able to participate.

PE kit is plain black joggers/leggings, plain white t-shirt and school jumper with trainers. Please ensure that no earrings are worn.

Allergies

At times we shall be taste testing new foods and making healthy snacks. Please inform us of any allergies that might affect your child's ability to participate in these activities.

