

Welcome to Year 2! ☺

Dear Parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a big welcome to our new parents. We are excited about the year ahead. It was great to see all the children, staff and classrooms looking so good yesterday!

There are a few changes to make you aware of before the year begins..

We are excited to let you know that this year our school will be introducing the ARK Mathematics Mastery Curriculum across our classes.

The ARK approach is designed to ensure that every child develops a deep, secure, and long-term understanding of mathematics. It places strong emphasis on:

- Mastery for all – ensuring every pupil gains a solid foundation before moving on.
- Fluency and confidence – children practise core skills until they are secure, reducing gaps in knowledge.
- Reasoning and problem solving – pupils are encouraged to explain their thinking and apply maths to real-life situations.
- Visual and practical learning – lessons use concrete resources and visual models to build strong understanding.

What this means for your child:

- Lessons will be carefully structured to build step by step.
- Children will have more opportunities to talk about their maths learning and share their strategies.
- There will be a balance between practising skills and exploring challenges that develop deeper thinking.

We believe this approach will help all our pupils grow in confidence, enjoy mathematics, and be well prepared for the future.

If you would like to find out more, we will be holding an information session for parents on during our soft starts on **Thursday mornings**. You can also visit the ARK Mathematics Mastery website for further details.

This year we will also be working on developing values around respect. We are teaching children to treat others how they would like to be treated themselves. We embed and promote fantastic displays around our school which shows some of our other values that underpin respect: love, thankfulness and compassion. We will be teaching the children about these values and looking for good role models across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Year 2 Meet the teacher- Thank you to all the parents that attended the meeting.

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 16th September, please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

English:

This week: This week we worked on our goals and aspirations for year 2.

Next Week: We will be starting a new text and creating a story map from which we will retell the story.

Online Learning -

https://www.abcya.com/games/contraction_action

Mathematics:

This week: We will be looking at place value of each digit within a number within a 100.

Next Week: We will be looking at number bonds within 20.

Foundation Subjects:

RE - To understand the importance of religious life and beliefs in Sikhism.

ICT - Internet Safety.

History - Comparing hospitals now and then.

Science - Looking at the life cycle of a frog.

PSHE - To know how to help myself feel better.

PE days: Please check with your class teacher

Children to come into school wearing their P.E. kits - tracksuit bottoms or shorts, PE shirt, school jumper and trainers.

Question of the week What are you looking forward to

in Year 2?

