



# Welcome To Year 2



Mrs Marks (Finches), Mrs Robinson and Mrs Clift (Sparrows) would like to welcome you to Year 2, 2021 - 2022.

Mrs Clift will be teaching Sparrows on Monday to Wednesday lunchtime and Mrs Robinson will be teaching Sparrows from Wednesday afternoon until the end of the week.

We hope this leaflet will provide you with information about what your child will be learning over the next year.

## ENGLISH

English is taught for at least an hour and a half every day. The children will be given access to a wide range of texts and they will be taught reading and writing skills. They will be reading and writing every day as a class, in groups, in pairs and by themselves.

Weekly spellings will be sent out on Class Dojo every Friday. The children will be tested on these words the following Friday. Although we do practise these in school every day, we would also like you practise them at home as much as possible. The children will receive 10 spellings, which will be tested in a random order.

Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible. This year we are encouraging the children to read a book three times before changing it. This is so that your child has the time to decode words, develop fluency and develop their comprehension skills. By the third read, your child should be reading the book easily and with little help from you. They should also be able to talk confidently about the events in the book and read with expression. Please record in your blue, home school diary if your child has read the book once, twice, or is ready to change the book. Later in the year, your child may start Accelerated Reader. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to ask.

The phonics screening test will be happening in December. The children will be having a daily phonics lesson every day to prepare them for this.

## MATHS

Maths also takes place daily for at least an hour. Children are encouraged to work in pairs and groups as well as individually. This encourages them to discuss how they are solving their problems. In maths lessons, the children will get the opportunity to use a variety of resources, including Numicon, Diennes, bead strings, tens frames, multilink cubes, number lines and hundred squares. If you are in any doubt about the methods your child is using please see the class teacher who will be happy to explain.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE will take place on a Monday and Tuesday for both classes. Children may come into school in their PE kit on PE days (please see the most recent letter about PE in school for what they are allowed to wear). In addition to this, the children will have the opportunity to take part in Wild Tribe on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their school jumper, coat, wellies and their legs are covered. Wellies may stay in school and will be placed in the welly shed.

## HOMEWORK

The children will be given homework every Wednesday, to be returned the following Monday. Our aim is for the children to be able to do this homework independently. If you could help with reading the instructions for them and ensuring they stick to the timings given (i.e. not spending too long on it) that would be most helpful.

Whilst we appreciate your support, maths is taught in a very systematic and specific way so if your child doesn't understand the homework, please avoid sharing an alternative method as this can cause confusion. Just let us know so we can help. Talk for 'Big Writing' will also be sent home on a Wednesday, in preparation for their 'Big Writing'. The children build towards it through the week and talking about it with you will really help boost their confidence in writing their ideas down.

Please don't hesitate to ask us if you ever have any questions about the homework.

## GOLDEN TIME

Every week, KS1 will have 20 minutes of Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. This is a reward for all their hard work and good behaviour.

In this time, the children are free to play across the Year 1 and 2 areas. There will be a different activity in each room (e.g. an arty room, a toy room, a quiet room and, if the weather allows, a playground will be open for outside play).

Children may bring in a toy from home to play with, in this time, if they would like to. We do ask that the toy is small enough to fit in their locker with all their other belongings, not too precious, not electrical and a sensible toy to bring into school (i.e. no toy guns, swords etc.).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Every morning it would be fantastic if your child could bring to school a water bottle (water or flavoured water only), a coat, their home-school diary and their reading book.

If you have any worries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.  
Mrs Marks, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Clift

