



Welcome To Year 2



Miss Luggier (Finches), Mrs Robinson and Mrs Clift (Sparrows) would like to welcome you to Year 2, 2022 - 2023.

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.

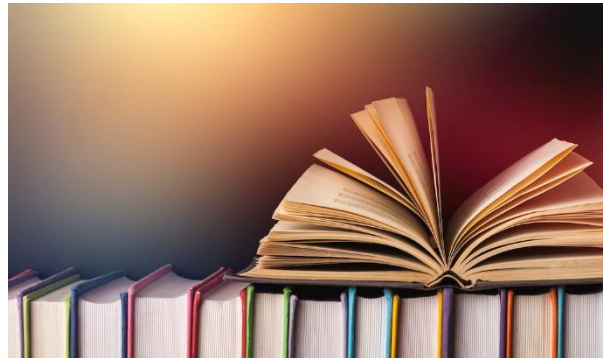
We hope this leaflet will provide you with information about what your child will be learning over the next year.

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.

This year we have implemented a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. As part of this new scheme we are making some changes to the way that we send reading books home. Your child will take a 'Sharing Book' home on Mondays. The 'Sharing Book' will be indicated in your child's reading diary with a star. This book is for your child to explore with a grown-up, they do not have to read this book to you. They can look at pictures and explore the story to foster a love of reading and stories.

On a Thursday or Friday your child will receive their 'Reading Practise Book'. Your child will be able to read this book independently. Your child will already have read this book with an adult three times at school so they should be confident in reading this book to you. This book will be matched to your child's phonics ability. All reading books, the 'Sharing



Book' and the 'Reading Practise Book', need to be returned on Mondays. If you would like more information about our new phonics scheme please feel free to send us a message on class dojo or visit <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>.

Later in the year, your child may start Accelerated Reader. We continue to encourage children to read the book three times before they complete a quiz on the book. This will involve your child answering questions about what they have read. Book levels will be matched to your child's reading ability and will change accordingly. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to ask.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday for both classes. Children may come into school in their PE kit on PE days. 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.

TOPIC LEARNING

This year our topic learning (which will also link to our English learning) will cover:

Look Inside London

We will learn about London landmarks and The Great Fire of London.

The Koala Who Could

We will learn about Australia and create clay artwork

The Emperor's Egg

We will learn about polar explorers and animals adapting to the polar climate.

The Giant's Garden

We will learn about how plants grow and what helps them thrive.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

We will learn about the history of lighthouses and the story of Grace Darling.

The World in my Kitchen

We will learn about food, cultures and festivals from around the world.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Every morning it would be fantastic if your child could bring to school a water bottle, 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.

Miss Luggier, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Clift.

