

# Year 2 News



# Friday 6th September 2024

## Notice board

### Reminders

Welcome back everyone!!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the start of the Autumn Term in Year 2. The children have settled in well and are getting used to their new routines. Please assist us with this by looking at the dinner menu with your child BEFORE they come into school in order to make our register time flow more smoothly!

- PE days for Year 2: **Monday and Thursday**. Please make sure your child has his/her PE kit in school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.
- Please ensure that children's Blue Reading Record books are brought in every day.

**Our topic this half term is  
Towers, Tunnels and Turrets.**

**Please remember a CLEAR  
water bottle with water please,  
not juice.**

**We are looking forward to our trip  
to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle on  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September!**

### Introducing Mrs Ogle -

Hello Year 2! I am so excited to teach you all this year, especially after working with you in Gecko and Otter class last year. I will be teaching Sunflower class on Thursdays and Fridays. I live in Chelmsford and I have two daughters called Isla and Ada. Isla is 6 and she is also beginning her journey in her new year 2 class, and Ada is 3. I love being outside and keeping active, I enjoy walking, bike riding and running and I love to read and cook. I can't wait to start our learning journey together.

**In Sunflower Class we will be supported by Mrs Edwards and Mrs Hills.**

### Introducing Miss Nerkowski-

Hello Year 2! I am really looking forward to teaching Sunflower Class this year! I will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I live in Bishops Stortford and I have a 6 year old daughter (Ava) and a 4 year old son (Harry). I love reading, cooking and taking my children swimming. I can't wait to get to know you all!

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**Introducing Mrs Atukorala.** Hello! I am really looking forward to another lovely year in year 2! I live in Welwyn Garden City with my husband and two daughters who are 17 and 10 years old.

I enjoy doing art and keeping active while outdoors. I can't wait to get to know the children in Jasmine class as we enjoy learning together.

**In Jasmine class we will be supported by Mrs Virdee.**

### Maths -

In maths next week we will be looking at 10 more and less of a two digit number. We will continue to use equipment for supporting our learning. We are also learning to use talking frames to build on our maths vocabulary.

**Word of the week: multiple.**

### English

In English the children work in their Read Write Inc groups. In class we alternate spelling and grammar sessions throughout the week. This week and next week we focus on homophones: sea/see, blew/blue, flower/flour etc. We also have regular handwriting sessions.

**Topic -** Next week we be learning all about castles on our trip to Mountfitchet Castle! We will then create colourful leaflets, in class, using our knowledge of places to explore in castles.

**Word of the week: portcullis.**

### Home Learning Tasks

#### Mental Maths challenges:

**Become fluent with number bonds to 20 by playing quick games on 'hit the button'**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

At home you can help your child by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. When we start looking at times tables we stop at 12x2, 12x5 and 12x10 so when you practise counting in 2s you can stop at 24 but if your child can carry on it's even better!

**Topic at home:** This half term we have a DT challenge! **Build a model castle using construction toys or found and recycled materials.** NB: Whilst your child will benefit from your input and help, please allow your child to practise important skills such as cutting and joining techniques. We would love to receive photos of the castles once they are done, they can be emailed to our email addresses, which you can find at the top of this newsletter. Your child will get time to tell the rest of the class about their model/castle soon after we've received the photo(s).