



Welcome to the new academic year, it is lovely to welcome you all back and into Year 2. I'm Mrs Pawsey and I will be Emerald class teacher for the beginning of the year. I am due to go on maternity leave in a few weeks time and Mrs Brown will be teaching Emerald during my absence. Mrs Brown has already met the children during transition week and will be continuing to get to know the children over the coming weeks. I am very excited to be starting your child's journey in Year 2 and look forward to seeing what they can do and all the different skills and attributes they bring to our classroom. **Can you please ensure you send your child with a water bottle and a coat. The weather is a bit hit and miss at the moment but we will always go outside when possible for break times.**

**P.E. Days – Tuesday and Friday (Please send your child in their P.E. kit on these days – see below for information)**

### School Uniform

- Lemon yellow polo shirt
- Jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Black shoes or trainers
- Yellow summer dress

### PE Kit

- White t shirt
- Black or navy leggings, shorts, jogging bottoms (no branded logos)
- Trainers
- Black or navy hoody for outdoor PE  
**(school jumper to be worn during the day)**

### The School Day

8:50am - children should be on the main playground where teachers will come and meet them

8:55am – school day starts at 8:55am

3:25pm – school day ends

### Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop Off: KS1 door

Pick Up: KS1 door

### Dates for Your Diary

#### September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – school closed for Training Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – school opens for Y1 to Y6

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Come and See Reading @9am

#### October

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 Topaz Class Worship

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – School photos (individual, Reception and Year 6)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Amethyst Class Worship

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Harvest Festival

EYFS and KS1 @ 9:15am and KS2 @ 2:30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – school closed for Training Day

#### November

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – school opens for Autumn Term 2

### Attendance and Punctuality

Children should be ready to start school at 8:55am and they are marked as late if they arrive between 9am and 9:15am. Children arriving after 9:15am receive a 'late after registers have closed' mark which is classed as an unauthorised absence.

**Every moment in school is vital to your child's learning journey and attendance has a huge impact on all aspects, from friendships to their outcomes.**

We aim for children to have at least 94% attendance – this gives them the best possible chance to learn as much as possible at school. When attendance drops below 90% it is classed as persistent absence.

### Homework

In Year 2 children will bring home weekly spellings, these will go home on a **Friday** and need to be returned the following **Friday** for the test.

Children will also bring home 2 reading books, one that is based on their reading level and another for pleasure. Please listen to and read with your child daily and record this in their reading record.

# Curriculum Information

**English:** We will be looking at the texts 'Here we are now' and 'Dear Earth' during Autumn 1. We will be producing information leaflets. We will be continuing with phonics and recapping all the phonemes before moving onto the spelling programme that works alongside our phonics scheme.

**Maths:** We will begin the year looking at place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. We will be exploring numbers up to and including 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to give us a strong starting point to add and subtract 2 digit numbers.

**RE:** Our first RE unit will allow us to explore sacred places and what makes them special to different religions and their believers.

**Science:** In our Science we will be looking at Local Habitats and how they help the animals and plants there to survive.

**PSHE:** To begin the year we will be looking at me and my relationships. We will focus on bullying, what to do in situations and how we can be a good friend to everyone.

**Geography:** In Geography, we will be exploring Great Britain. We will learn about the different countries that make up Great Britain and some of the human and physical features we find in our country.

**Design Technology:** Miss McCarthy will be teaching DT this half term, the children will be using their knowledge of Goldilocks to think about the structure of Baby Bear's chair! This sounds really exciting!

**Computing:** We will start the year by exploring what a computer actually is, how it works and what it can do.

**Music:** In music, we will be using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms and creating our own call and response rhythms.

How you can help at home with English:

Read with your child every day.

Encourage your child to practise their letter formation.

Discuss with your child what they have read – use the question prompts to help you.

How you can help at home with maths:

Regularly count forwards and backwards up to and including 20

Encourage your child to remember their number bonds to 10

Begin to count in 2s, 5s and 10s



Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven, Matthew 5:16  
Aspiration – Courage – Kindness – Forgiveness – Respect – Community