

Welcome to Year 2



We have been delighted to welcome your child back into school this week after the summer holidays and we are excited to travel with them on their learning journey this year. We have an exciting curriculum ahead of us that focuses on the key question of ***'How can we make a difference?'***. Each subject across the curriculum will have a key question which we will explore and return to every session. We cannot wait to dive into this curriculum and see what amazing learning and work your child will produce from their experiences!

Please watch the video about our curriculum launch if you have not already had the chance to do so - **SPCEDS Curriculum Launch** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lskABf9UPnU>

Year 2 Staff

Find below our amazing Year 2 staff who are here to support you and your child this year.

Class Teachers

- Y2AR - Aaron Robinson
- Y2DN - Deborah Newnham and Danielle Owen (undertaking initial teacher training)
- Y2SD - Sarah Durno

Teaching Assistants

- Carol Felts
- Alison Ladbroke

Learning Support Assistants

- Helen Shields (Y2DN)
- Laura Wright (Y2DN)

Lunchtime Assistants

- Karen Dawson (Y2AR)
- Helen Shields and Laura Wright (Y2DN)
- Anastasija Paramonova (Y2SD)

Each Tuesday morning will be the class teacher's designated planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time. The children will experience specialist teaching across the following subjects: Handwriting with Carol Felts, PE with Anthony Horton and Music with Rachel Winfield. They have already been getting to know the children at the start of term.

PE Days/ Kits

PE for all Year 2 children will be on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Tuesday morning will be outdoor PE and Thursday afternoon will be indoor PE in the school hall. This means we ask that all children arrive at school, on these days, already dressed in their PE kits remembering on a Tuesday clothing and footwear appropriate for doing PE outside.

Expected school PE kit is a white or purple t-shirt and black or navy-blue shorts or jogging trousers. Also, as the weather gets colder over the next few months please send your child in appropriate PE clothing for being outside - as indoor kit plus tracksuit for colder weather (tracksuit to be dark colours).

For your child's safety please can you make sure that there are no earrings in your child's ears on these days.

Reading Rambles and Maths Meanders Books

For the children's Home Learning, we will be setting challenges in the two books listed above. We ask that the children take responsibility for this, engage with and talk to you about it. Time will be available in school if it is needed as we know sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day – especially with important family-time to be had!

Your child will be provided with reading books that we advise that they **read twice** to develop their fluency before being changed. Please make sure that your child's home learning books are brought into school every day in their book bags. These books are banded by **colour** and are given based on their phonic ability which will be assessed regularly. As you are reading, you can try to spot the phonemes we are learning in school! If you would like to share a more challenging book at home together please feel free.

Our class stories this term are; **'James and the Giant Peach'** by Roald Dahl in Y2AR, **'Naughty Amelia Jane'** by Enid Blyton in Y2DN, and **'The Magic Faraway Tree'** by Enid Blyton in Y2SD. We have all had a fantastic discussion already about the characters and events that we have explored in the story so far.

Local Community

We are very keen to develop and foster links with the local community. When you have read our Curriculum Overview for Year 2, if there are any contacts you have which would help support the children in Year 2 further we would love to hear about them. If you have time to support in some way, please let us know.

Finally, we would like to share the key events coming up in the next two terms.

Key Events coming up in Term 1:

Monday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day: <https://www.roalddahl.com/> (To be celebrated in school on Friday 17th September).

Friday 1st October: National Poetry Day – Theme Choice

Key Events coming up in Term 2:

Monday 8th November – Friday 12th November: Maths Week: <https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/>

Friday 12th November: Children in Need

Sunday 14th November: World Diabetes Day

W/B 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week (remember your odd socks or colourful tights).

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

If you ever have any questions, please come and talk to us on the door at the start or end of the day, email us via the year group email Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk, follow our journey on Twitter @Y2SPCEDS and keep up to date with what has been happening across school in 'The Parish Post'.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement throughout your child's learning journey. We cannot wait to share the exciting learning which will be taking place in Year 2. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can support in any way.

The Year 2 Team