



Welcome to Year Two

Year Group: 2

Class: 4

Teacher: Miss Mountford

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Porter

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Please can you complete the contact /personal details form and inform us of any changes throughout the year. Can you also complete and return to school the permissions form and medical forms as soon as possible please.



If you need to contact us the school phone number is 01782 973810. Please note that when we ring you from this number it will show up as a withheld number.



You can e-mail us office@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk and visit our school website for forms, policies, holiday dates, newsletters and much, much more at www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk

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If you have any concerns, queries or questions about your child, our weekly drop in is on **Wednesday 3.15-4pm.**



There will be three parents meetings throughout the year for you to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps. Dates to be confirmed on the newsletter and website!



Our Curriculum



Our curriculum is creatively linked and organised flexibly to provide exciting, practical and written learning opportunities which our children thrive on. Skills are progressive and are developed in all subjects. For more information please visit the website and click on Our School, Curriculum and scroll down.



In English lessons your child will have the opportunity to listen to, read and write in different styles (genres) such as instructions, stories and reports, to name but a few. They will use speaking and listening, and drama to support and inspire their writing.

Throughout the Maths lessons your child will develop a variety of strategies in mental and written maths using the CPA model—concrete (using objects such as Numicon, counters etc.) pictorial (drawing) and abstract (doing it in their head). We use White Rose Maths and other resources to compliment and expand their knowledge.



Our topics in Year 2 also link to our English and Maths topics too. Please see the next page for more information.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

Where in the world is Knypersley?



As we welcome the children back to a new school year we begin with a fabulous topic—Where in the world is Knypersley. We will explore our local area and focus on key geography skills where possible. The English is often linked to our topic and the maths follows the White Rose maths units.

Our Amazing African Adventure.



After the Christmas break we move on to - Our Amazing African Adventure. This topic is great for learning about the wider world and the children always enjoy the amazing art work and animal activities. Our English links to texts where possible and we continue to work through the White Rose maths units.

Bright Lights, Big City!



In to the summer and we start our final unit - Bright light, Big city! This topic focusses on the sight and sounds of our capital City—London. We enjoy fantastic virtual tours and learn all about the sights and attractions. Some of our texts link with this and the children always love learning about The Great Fire and re-creating art work inspired by this. We continue to work through the White Rose maths units.



Learning together, Learning For Life.

Checklist!!

- PE is on Monday—wear your PE kit all day.
- Swimming on Thursday - Come in PE kits again (it's easier to change)
- Home School Communication Folder sent in daily.
- Weekly spellings will be set on SpellingShed on a Friday and need to be practised throughout the week.
- Drop-in is on a Wednesday
- Complete at least three choice pieces of homework each half term, as well as the set menu activities weekly and daily.

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING ONCE SENT OUT

- Contact form
- Permission letter
- Medical forms

Other important information!

Forest School This will take place in Spring 1, just after Christmas. These sessions will be led by Mr Fox and they will focus on problem solving and team work.

Our dates are- 14th January, 21st January, 28th January and 4th February. Our parent engagement session is on the 11th February, more details to follow.



If your child is unwell or absent for ANY reason you MUST contact us that morning to let us know that your child is safe. Mrs Goodyear and our senior leader team monitor attendance weekly and will contact parents of pupils where attendance is raising a concern.



Please may we ask that you let us know if another member of the family or a friend is collecting your child at the end of the day. - We need to make sure your child is safe.

If you would like to help in school then we would be very pleased to see you! You can help for an hour or a whole day! You do need a DBS check with school. Please see Mrs Egerton or your class teacher if you would like to help us.



The PTA are a friendly bunch and raise an lots amount of money for the children of the school. They organise events such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres and discos! Why not come along to a meeting and share your ideas?



Homework will be sent home each half term on a homework menu and will be based on the learning that has taken place the half term before, so that your child can apply what they have learnt.

Your child can choose the activities they wish to complete BUT they MUST complete at least three activities. Work can be completed and returned by email or in the homework book. We will collect them in mid-way through the half term to see how you're getting along.

SET MENU

Weekly spellings

Daily reading- just a couple of pages followed by a discussion about what has been read.

Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's-Year 1

Timestables Rockstars - Summer term only for year 1

CHOICE MENU

We add a variety of choices including design it, write it, explore it, perform it et.c—these vary each half term to try to inspire everyone.



REOPENING SEPTEMBER

Doors are open between 8:45am and 8:55am each morning. Messages can be given to the member of staff on the door or via email or the office. Please make sure you follow our one way system. If you are late then please sign your child in at the office and tell them if they need a hot dinner!



Staff who can help you!

All the staff can help - Your class teacher or year group staff, but here is a little bit more information about the staff that will help you if needed.

- * Mrs E Goodyear - Head Teacher
- * Mrs N Ellis - Assistant Head Teacher & English Lead
- * Mrs J Beckett - Inclusion Lead
- * Mrs C Egerton - Maths Lead
- * Miss L Leese - EYFS Lead

Parent Engagement

We will be having three Parent engagement sessions, one per term. A local area walk, a Forest School session and a Royal Tea Party. More details to follow.



In Year 2 children usually take part in assessments and SATs are a part of this. For the last two years this has not been the case, hopefully we will be able to talk to you in more detail about this years plans very soon. The best way to support your child in this is to complete the homework we recommend, and try not to stress your self or your child.



Your child will NEED to bring their reading book and planner in their folder EVERYDAY! We shall hear your child read individually on their own as often as we can. Your child will also take part in our ERIC (everyone reading in class) lessons and will read a range of books by different authors. Your child will also be able to borrow a book from our school library every fortnight.

Parent Pay

School dinners, class visits and clubs are now paid for using Parent Pay. If you need a payment card then please see the office.



"I've got a text!"

We do send important messages by text, as well as individual celebration messages. If you change your number please let us know!

