



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school term; we hope you had a lovely break. The children have all settled back into school routines well and are happy to see their friends.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is year2@lps.hereford.sch.uk

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

Year 2

Year 2 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner –Deputy Head and English and Maths Coordinator

Mrs Hough – SENCO

Mrs Cole- SEN support

2EGP – Mrs Eckley-Gardner and Mrs Poyner/Mrs Rutterford

Supported by Mrs Williams

2S – Miss Salter

Supported by Mr McShane

(PPA cover: Mrs Lynch)

2H – Miss Hollis

Supported by Mrs Chandler

(PPA cover: Ms. Smith)

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We are starting the year by focusing on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children will also be exploring instructions, and letter writing.



Maths: The children will be learning about time, money and multiplication and division.

Science: We are continuing to explore animals including humans followed by plants.



Topic: Our topic questions for this term are:

“Would I prefer to live in Hereford or Rio?” This is a geography-based topic and within this we will be looking at different types of settlements and maps. We will also be looking at different types of settlements within South America and the similarities and differences compared to Hereford, which we learnt about in our previous unit of work.

R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are:

Spring 1: We will be continuing the unit “Who is a Muslim and how do they live?”

Spring 2: “Why does Easter matter to Christians?”

P.E: The children will be taking part in Hit, Catch and Run for our outdoor game sessions.



Computing: Year 2 will put their computing knowledge to the test, attempting some coding to make a computer program.

Arts: The children will be learning about South American artists and recreating pictures.

DT: Later in the term, the children will be learning about cooking and nutrition, learning what it means to have a balanced diet.

PSHE: The children will be exploring ‘Feeling included’.

Homework

Your child’s main form of homework in Year 2 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day but at least three times a week and sign their reading record. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

The children are expected to join their **handwriting** in Year 2 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website and in their reading records for you to practise with your child.

We will also set challenges to complete throughout the year. These tasks will link to our topic.

Reading



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This means we are able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Your child's phonics teacher will give them new sounds/words or book three times a week. If your child is on the AR programme then they choose their own book after they have quizzed.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please ensure your children bring in their labelled PE uniforms by Monday 13th January.

We will send their kit home every half term to be washed.

Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

We will be going out for PE regardless of the weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure you provide your children with appropriate clothing.



Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

We have lots of events and parental engagement activities planned for this term. We have outlined them below. More information including dates and times will follow soon.

Special Events

During this term, the children will enjoy a South American day filled with fun activities linked to our topic this term. This has always been a lovely, fun-filled day which previous children have loved taking part in!

In the afternoon, parents/carers are invited to come and watch the children perform what they have learnt in our Samba drumming workshop.

Parental Engagement

We will be hosting a parental workshop based around maths in a few weeks' time. This will take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children use and apply math skills and how to support your child's learning further at home using a range of strategies and methods.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
6.2.25	Year 1/2/3 Maths workshop
14.2.25	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 17th – Friday 21st February)	
4.4.25	MP Ellie Chowns visiting the school
8.4.25	South American day and Samba drumming
8.4.25	Year 2 parental engagement
9.4.25	Parents/Carers' evening 3:45-5:30pm
10.4.25	Parents/Carers' evening 5-7pm
11.4.25	Last day of term for pupils

Yours sincerely
The Year 2 Team