



Highwood Primary School

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Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

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Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2,

We hope you've had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. Year 2 is a wonderful year; we see the children grow in maturity, independence and height as well as by the amount of teeth they lose! We have lots of interesting themes to cover this year; our first topic is 'London Now and Then' where we learn about, The Great Fire of London, The Blitz and famous Londoners. To enrich this topic we will be visiting The Lincolnsfield Centre on the 26th October where we will take part in the 1940s experience. You will receive another letter regarding this trip nearer the time.

We are in the process of reviewing our curriculum to ensure that we provide the best opportunities for the children so further information about what we will be covering in the Spring and Summer will follow at a later date.

Year 2 team

Beech 2

Mrs Boyle – Class Teacher

Mrs Kenny – Class Teacher

Birch 2

Miss Marriott – Class teacher, Assistant Head teacher

Mrs Coggon – Class Teacher

Support staff

Mrs Jolly – Teaching assistant (HLTA)

Mrs Marshall – Teaching assistant

Reading books

The children are expected to read three times a week. Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and a Thursday - if the Reading Record has been signed and each book has been read twice. Please continue to support your children with their reading by questioning them about their understanding of what they are reading and by supporting them to use evidence from the text to justify their ideas - crucial skills in Year 2.

Home learning expectations

All children will be given a home learning journal. The children are expected to complete a task from the home learning grid per week. Alongside this the children are expected to read three times a week and practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. If you feel you need support with any of these please don't hesitate to come in and speak to member of the Year 2 team.

Phonics and Spelling



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The teaching of phonics continues in Year 2 and it remains vital that children practise their phonic sounds regularly. The children are also introduced to phase 6 phonics where they learn specific spelling rules. Ask your child what spelling rule they are looking at each week and they might be able to teach you a new rule! As well as this, children must continue to practise reading and spelling the high frequency words.

PE days

Birch 2 – Miss Marriott and Mrs Coggon	Beech 2 – Mrs Boyle and Mrs Kenny
Friday - Indoor	Wednesday - Indoor
Monday - Outdoor	Thursday - Outdoor

Please ensure that all kits are in line with the school policy and brought in everyday in case of changes in timetabling.

Library

Library day is a Tuesday.

Children can choose two books to take home and return the following week. Please note that they will not be able to take out new books without returning the previous ones.

Dates to remember

Sharing assemblies:

Beech 2: Friday 19th October

Birch 2: Friday 30th November

School Trip: Friday 26th October Lincolnsfield Centre

Parent helpers

We welcome parents in the classroom. If you would like to help by listening to children read or if you have any other special talents you could share please let us know. We would really appreciate your support.

Thank you,
Miss Marriott, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Kenny